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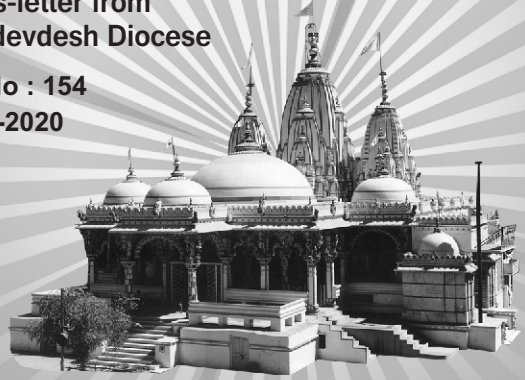




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अस्मदीयम्

During the earlier times, Rishi-Munis used to perform austere Tapascharya in order to obtain Bhagwan. Some used to stand up in water for years; some used to perform Tapascharya by hanging themselves upside down for thousands years and yet Bhagwan was not received by them.

Today in this Kalikaal, we have received Bhagwan very easily and we have been given Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra as a means to Bhajan of Bhagwan. A small 'Shiksha Patri' of 212 Shlokas is Amogh Shastra for Moksha and Kalyan of our devotees. Anybody who would follow the path shown in it, would not be perturbed an inch. Look at the Jeevs of this world and look at the devotees of this Sampradaya and compare each other. You will find that devotee of Shree Hari is happy and he would not come across Aadhi, Vyadhi and Upadhi; whereas compared to them, Jeevs of this world are surrounded by innumerable difficulties of this world.

Therefore, let us develop a habit of perform Akhand Smaran, Bhajan and Kirtan of Bhagwan Shree Hari so that all our Vyadhis of this world would be taken away by our Bhagwan.

273 Vachanamrit Mahamahotsav would be celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 24th February 2020 to 26th February 2020 with the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and under the auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. The whole Satsang Samaj is ardently requested to avail the benefit of this divine occasion.



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Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

(JANUARY - 2020)

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| 3-4 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Narayanpar (Kutch). |
| 5 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka on the occasion of Katha and inauguration of Yatrik Bhuvan. |
| 7 | Graced village Indrapura on the occasion Katha. |
| 8 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chandkheda on the occasion of Parayan. |
| 9 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghamij on the occasion of Patotsav. |
| 10 | Graced village Bhayla on the occasion Katha and from there graced Shree Prabha Hanumanji temple, Jamiyotpura on the occasion of Patotsav. |
| 11-12 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kutch) on the occasion of Shakotsav. |
| 13 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary) on the occasion of Shakotsav. |
| 16 | Graced village Marusana on the occasion of Murti Pran Pratistha of Nutan Shree Swaminarayan temple. |
| 17 | Graced village Karjisan on the occasion of Parayan.
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Amrutbhai Kalidas Patel (Gulabpurawala), Thaltej. |
| 18 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranipura on the occasion of Murti Pratistha. |
| 28 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aadraj (Moti) on the occasion of Patotsav. |
| 30 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of Patotsav-Rangotsav. |

APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

(JANUARY - 2020)

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| 5 | Graced Shakotsav at Shree Narnarayannagar, Ghatlodiya organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura. |
| 11 | Graced Hirawadi, Ahmedabad on the occasion of Shakotsav. |
| 12 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Unava. |
| 16 | Graced the village Bhaktinagar. |
| 18 | Graced the village Mansa. |
| 19 | Concluded Satsang Bal Shibir organized at Shree Narnarayandevnagar, Parasnagar, Ghatlodiya. |
| 26 | Graced Satsang Sabha at village Bapupura. |
| 30 | Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of Patotsav-Rangotsav. |

PANCHDEV

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdham)

In Vedic Sanatan Dharm, Pooja of Panchdev is performed. This human body is made up of five elements – Prithvi, Jal, Tej, Vayu and Aakash. This body is *Jad* and our Atma is *Chaitanya*. Though both Jad-Chetan are two different elements, they have merged together due to constant association. And therefore, these Jad-Chetan are not seen as different from each other. The essence of the knowledge of Ved-Vedant-Puran is one and the same only that remedies should be explored to resolve the tie of Jad-Chetan. One of the special ways of separating Jad body from Chaitanya is to perform pooja of Panchdev who are the owners of these five elements. In Shloka-84 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Sahajanand Swami has given directions to all the devotees to perform pooja of Vishnu, Shiv, Ganpati, Parvati and Surya. Pooja of five elements is necessary in order to inanimate stiffness of the five elements. Upasana and Pooja are two different principles. Upasana can be performed only of Upasya Swaroop and Pooja is performed of the deities propounded by Veda-Puranas. There should be pooja of five deities in every house.

Gajanan Ganpati Dev is owner-deity of Prithvi Tattva of our body. First Pooja of Ganpatiji is performed in the beginning of every auspicious occasion. Without performing pooja of Vidhna Vinayak Dev, other deities would not accept pooja of Sadhak. Prithvi Tattva is prominent in body. Prithvi Tattva is first layer of the body. And hence first Pooja of Ganpatiji the owner of Prithvi Tattava should be performed. His wives are Riddhi and Siddhi and his children are Shubh-Labh. Blessings of Vidhna Vinayakdev always remains upon



the family of the devotee who performs pooja of Ganpati. Support of body is the first and foremost requirement during any Sadhana. Prior to performing Jap-Tap-Hom-Havan-Path-Punascharan of any deity, first of all we have to perform pooja of Ganpati Maharaj. Places of five deities are situated in our human body only. For obtaining pleasure of our inner deities, pooja of deities situated outside is performed. Five Gyanendriya, five Karmendriya – these ten Indriyas are known as Gan and their master is Ganpati Gajanan. Ganpati keeps sweet ball in one hand and offers a sweet ball to a person who performs His pooja. Vasana and Kusang are considered to be the biggest obstacles. Ganpatiji protects a person from these obstacles who performs His pooja.

Suryanarayandev is owner of Tej Tattva. Pooja of Suryadev is essential for all. Suryadev grants health and Buddhi. Suryadev grants pratyaksh Darshan to the whole world. In order to perform Darshan of all other deities, its idol image is required to be kept in front of our eyes. Suryadev does not make any differentiation. Whether one

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performs pooja or not, Suryadev nourishes all equally and therefore he has been narrated Jagat-mitra Dev. There is not a difference of one minute in the time written in Panchang. Stars, Nakshtra, Prithvi etc. situated in the sky have been performing Pradakshina of Suryadev. In order to perform pooja of Suryadev, one should get up early in the morning before sunrise should take bath and should offer water by performing Ardhya and should also perform Vandan by standing in front of Suryadev. Those who remain lying in the bed without cleaning his mouth even after the sun-rise, he is cursed by Suryadev being unhappy with. In order to celebrate the moment of sun-rise, one should complete daily chores including bath and should performed pooja-path-dhyan-bhajan. In our scriptures three Bhed of Snan have been narrated. Rishi-Manushya-Rakshash. Taking bath when the stars are still seen in the sky is known as Rishi-snan. Stars are not seen but it is still not sun-rise – taking bath during this time is known as Manushya Snan and taking bath after the sun-rise is known as Rakshashi Snan. The tiny Rakshashi elements enter. A Rakshash does not have horns or a tail. But a person who cleans his mouth and takes his bath after the sun-rise are identified like Rakshash. Therefore, in Shloka-49 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, our Satsangi should always wake up prior to the sun-rise. Nowadays, umpteen number of diseases have cropped up because people do not perform Vandan-Poojan of Suryadev. Suryadev is Pratyaksh of this world and our buddhi is not purified without performing pooja of Suryadev. Those whose buddhi is rotten, the whole world looks rotten. Surya Nadi is going on inside the human body. In Indian tradition, in four Sampradaya and ten Parampara, ritual has been narrated and directions have been given to perform pooja of Suryadev and Panchdev. In Aadi Yug, Rishi Munis had started first Surya Pooja. Those who perform Surya Pooja, they command the world.

Parvati-Devi-Sakti Prakruti is the owner of Yavu Tattva. Bhakti can be

performed through Shakti. Maa is very benevolent. The whole world is running through Prakruti only. Mahakali is Kriya Shakti, Maha Lakshmi is Dravya Shakti and Maha Saraswati is Gyan Shakti. Shakti is Pativrata and therefore Mahashakti is pleased with the person who performs pooja of Paramatma and yet pooja of Devi should be performed for the purpose of Shuddhi of Vayu Shakti – Pran Shakti.

Vishnudev is owner of Aakash Tattva. Swaroop Narayan is magnanimous like the sky. Shree Hari grants tremendous happiness of this world to those who perform pooja of Bhagwan. Those who have surrendered their mind to Bhagwan, he is entitles to Chaturdha Mukti. Moksha is granted by Naryaan. One cannot think about Moksha without Vairagya from Bhog. As four elements reside in Aakash, Narayan is basis of all.

Bhagwn Shiv is Adhistata of Jal-tattva and grants Gyan-Vairagya. Through Gyan-Vairagya Bhakti is strengthened. If there would be Vairagya, the mind would not be affected by happiness or unhappiness. Without Vairagya even Bhogi-Yogi-Tyati-Tapasvi all are unhappy. As Shiv is owner of Jal-tattva, Akhand Jaldhara is kept upon His idol image and desires of those devotees are fulfilled who offer water to Shivji. There is Gangaji upon Mastak (head) its minute meaning is that Jal Tattav is kept in Jata. There is 72% Jal Tattav in our body and Mahadev is its Adhistata and therefore Mahdev is known as Dev of all deities. Those who perform Abhishek with water, their life remains healthy. With the blessings of Shivaji, Vairagya-Gyan are strengthened.

Thus, all these five elements are subject to five deities; and therefore only in our Sampradaya, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has given directions to perform pooja of Panchdev. None of the directions of Maharaj is futile or without any meaning. In fact a very deep meaning is hidden behind it. So if the devotees perform Pooja with all understanding, they achieve Siddhi of Bhakti of all the types such as Dharm-Gyan-Vairagya.

PRARTHNA OF SHREE HANUMANJI

- Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad)

॥ हनुमत्सतोत्रम् ॥

नीतिप्रविण निगमागमशास्त्रबुद्धे राजाधिराजरघुनायकमन्त्रिवर्य ।
सिन्दूरचर्चितकलेवर नैष्ठिकेन्द्र श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥१॥
सीतानिमित्तजरघूत्तमभूरिकष्टोप्रोत्सारणैककसहाय हतास्त्रपौध ।
निर्दग्धायातुपतिहाटकराजधाने श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥२॥
दुर्वार्यरावणविसर्जितशक्तिघातकष्ठासुलक्ष्मणसुखाहतजीववल्ले ।
द्रोणाचलानयननन्दितरामपक्ष श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥३॥
रामागमोक्तितरितारितबन्धवयोग दुःखाब्धिमग्नभरतार्पितपारिबर्ह ।
रामांघ्रिपद्मधुषीभवदन्तरात्मन् श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥४॥
वातात्मकेसरिमहाकपिराट तदीयभार्याञ्जनीपुरुतपः फलपुत्रभाव ।
ताक्षर्योपमोचितवपुर्बलतीव्रवेग श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥५॥
नानाभिचारिकविसृष्टसीवरकृत्याविद्रावणरुणसमीक्षणदुःप्रधर्ष्य ।
रोगघ्नस्त्वसुतदवित्तदमन्त्रजाप श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥६॥
यन्नामधेयपदकश्रुतिमात्रतोऽपि ये ब्रह्मराक्षसपिशाचगणाच्च भूताः ।
ते मारिकाश्च सभयं ह्युपयान्ति स त्वं श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥७॥
त्वं भक्तमानससमीप्सितपूर्तिशक्तो दीनस्य दुर्मदसपत्रभयार्तिभाजः ।
इष्टं ममापि परिपूरय पूर्णकाम श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥८॥

॥ इति श्रीशतानन्दमुनिविरचितं श्रीहनुमानस्तोत्रम् ॥

Shree Hanumanji Maruti Bhagwan is Kuldev of Hariprasad Vipra Dharmdev – father of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. In the scriptures, importance of Kuldev is narrated a lot and it has been accepted by Shree Hari because Bhakta of Bhagwan performed Nishkam Bhakti of Ishtadev. So if any unhappiness or obstacle comes in his life then a question arises for the devotee where he should go and whose shelter should he seek. Because if Prarthna of Bhagwan is performed it would be Sakam Bhakti and if he performs Prarthna to other, there would created an inherent defect in his Pativrata Bhakti. In such a situation, his Kuldevta always protects Kul (family) and leads them towards Bhagwat-marg so it is appropriate to seek His shelter. This has been clearly stated in Shloka-85 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' in the form of direction. When a devotee comes across any difficulty or problem, he should perform Path of Hanumanji or Narayan Kavach but should not seek shelter of any other deity. Following this rules only when Dharmdev came across Aasuri Shakti,



Dharmdev performed Stuti-Prarthna of his Kuldev, as narrated by Shatanand Muni in Adhyay-17 of Prakaran-1 of 'Shrimad Satsangi Jeevan' and Shree Hanumanji brought an end to all his difficulties. So anybody who performs Path or Japa of this Stotra will get all his difficulties destroyed. This Stotra has been created in Sanskrit language by Shatanand Muni. Let us understand it in Gujarati language.

नीतिप्रविणनिगमशास्त्रबुद्धे
राजाधिराजरघुनायकमन्त्रिवर्य ।
सिन्दूरचर्चितकलेवरनैष्ठिकेन्द्र
श्रीरामदूत हनुमन् हर संकटं मे ॥१॥

Who knows very well how to perform Bhakti of Bhaktas of Bhagwan and Bhagwan Himself and how to protect them or who is also very expert in the policy of Sam, Daam, Dand and Bhed which are very essential for statesmanship as a minister of a king and

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simultaneously who is very sharp in his intellect in the scriptures like Ved and Vedang etc. who is ardent devotee and a minister of Maharaja Prabhu Shree Ramchandrandra of Ayodhya and who likes smearing of lep of Sindoor upon his body very much and who has been cherishing Naisthik Brahmcharya Mahavrat and who is the best among all who observe Vrat; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (1)

**सीतानिमित्तजरघुतमभूरिक्छप्रोत्सारमैककसहायहता
सपोध निर्वध्यायातुपतिहाटकराजधाने
श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥२॥**

Parbrahm Parmatma Bhagwan Shree Purushottam Shree Ram has incarnated as human being and when he had been following Manav-Leela; at that time Rakshash Ravan kidnapped Sati Mata Shree Sitaji and at that time he became helpful in removing the woes of Prabhu Shree Ram who was very much aggrieved and by destroying a team of huge demons, burnt Suvarni Lanka of Rakshash Raja Ravan; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (2)

**दुर्घारावणविसर्जित
शक्तिघातकसुलक्ष्मणसुभाक्षुतीवपल्ले ।
द्रोषाचलनयननष्टितरामपक्ष
श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥३॥**

In the great war between Ram and Ravan when the army of Prabhu Shree Ram comes across great difficulty and especially when any attack is aimed at Shree Ram, Laxmanji sacrifices everything to protect Him, when Raval attacked such Laxmanji with Maha Divyastra namely 'Shakti' then who brought Vishalya Karni Aushadhi which is also known as Mrut-Sanjivani from the Himalayas and granted pleasure to the army of Shree Ram; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (3)

**रामागमोक्तितरितमध्ययोगदुःखादिमग्नभरतापितप
रिडिर् । रामाद्रिपधुमधुपीमवदन्तरामन्
श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥४॥**

In order to fulfill the promise of his father, Manushya Dehdhari Prabhu Shree Ram had to live in the forest and Bharatji had to spent 14 years while remaining separated from his dear elder brother and by bringing good news Hanumanji removes the unhappy time of Bharatji and Bharatji being very much pleased grants great gift as Vardaan due to which his Chitta always remains associated like a

Bhramar at the lotus like feet of his Isht Prabhu; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (4)

**पातात्मकसरिमहाकपिराट तदीयभयानीपुत्रतपः
इलपुत्रभाव । तायोपमोयितवपुर्लतीप्रवेग
श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥५॥**

Due to impact and result of austere Tapascharya of Shree Anjani Mata the wife of Maha Balvan Kesiraj Vayu, who is born as her son with the name Maha Balvan Vayuputra and who overcomes even Sakshat Garudji in strength and speed; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (5)

**नानाभियारिकविक्षुष्टसवीरकृत्याविद्रावणशसमीक्ष
णदुःप्रधय । रोगप्रजुससूतदमन्त्रजप
श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥६॥**

Whose angry mood with red eyes makes Vir, Kritya etc. run away who have been sent by persons of Aasuri Vrutti, who use black magic and who cannot see in His bright eyes and by performing whose Mantra Jaap, all types of diseases of devotees of Prabhu are removes, persons cherishing desire to have children get the children, persons who desire wealth get the wealth instantly; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (6)

**यज्ञामधेयपदकश्रुतिमात्रतोऽपि ये
ब्रह्मराक्षसपिशाचगणा व्यभूता ते मारिकाश्य
समथ हृष्याति स त्व**

श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥७॥

Hey Maruti by listening to your name Brahm Rakshash, Pisach, Bhut, Pret, Yaksh etc. who perturb the human beings run away immediately and simply by listening to Your name they run away simply to save their lives; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (7)

**वं भक्तमानससमीक्षितपूर्तिशतो दीनस्थ
दुर्मदसपलभयार्तिभाजः । छष्ट भमापि परपुरथ
पूर्वकाम श्रीरामदूतहनुमन् हर संकट मे ॥८॥**

With the blessings of Prabhu Shree Ram whosoever performs Your Smaran; You are Purna Kaam having Shakti and Samarthya to fulfill all types of desires being cherished by such persons and who protect the devotees from the fear of inner enemies; I am confident that You will fulfill my desires also; Hey Hanumanji, Doot of Prabhu Shree Ram, please remove my all woes and worries. (8)

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ

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

1. On the occasion of Vidurniti Tridinatmak Parayan and Shakotsv in Aajol temple :

There is a reference of three types of Sewa in our Scriptures viz. Mind, body and money. But more than all these three is sacrifice of time and it is the biggest service which nobody is ready to believe. Isn't it a difference between sitting in a sofa at home and sitting here on the floor after closing our shops, offices of our business? This is also a kind of Tapa and it is worth referring. Your this village is very big and strong village in Samaj. Beautiful Vadi has been made. It would have been proper if 'Shakotsv in grand Vadi' would have been written in stead of 'grand Shakotsav in Vadi'. There is a contribution of all of you in it. There is pious company of Mataji and we have performed divine Darshan. Maharaj has propounded Sattvik Dev-Devis.

All of us get the meals. You are sitting here and six times more than the people here are taking meals there. You might also be waiting. It is my suggestion and a request to all that whatever we may do, we may do it with utmost love and affection. Because there is vast difference what we do willingly and what we have to do. We have to perform pooja, Darshan, Mala etc. however all these things are done naturally and with love and affection, we would obtain pleasure of Maharaj. Maharaj has made us happy and we have been working hard and so we would not be deprived of the meals of two times. But we have to remember that, who digests this meals in our stomach? We get sleep and sometimes when we are disturbed due to any social or other matter, we may not get



the sleep but who wakes up in the morning after our sleep of the whole night? A man sometimes forgets small things like wallet, mobile or charger. One Haribhakta forgot his wife. This is not a joke. Fortunately the place was the temple. he reached home and called her and thereafter he realized his mistake. We get up from the bed after the sleep of the whole night; but in fact who wakes up? And if we do not get up in the morning; people would have got together to take us to the crematorium. Our elders have worked very hard and so we get the meals 04 times in stead of 02 times. But Bhagwan helps us digesting this food. Second thing should be remembered that, whatever meals we get as our food, it is granted to us with the blessings of Bhagwan only. You may not remember anything else but if you remember this much then the essence of performing pooja, mala Pradakshina would be understood with this understanding in our mind. The purpose behind Parayan is that, we remember our Bhagwan because existence of all of us is due to Him only. If we would not have received this Dev, we

would have been lying in a corner unnoticed.

Now I will take leave and all of you will reach to the place for the meals but take it as Prasad only. Because taking too much of meals is also a kind of violence just as observing too many fasting is violence. Our body is a means to achieve Bhagwan and so it is responsibility of all of us. We create more diabetes and cholesterol than we have inherited. Do not take the excess meals thinking that, medicine would be taken for digesting it.

Maharaj has approved Saattvik Devi as She is Swaroop of Shakti. We cannot do what the ladies devotees can do. Noble Samskaras are first received from mother when we are in her womb. A person who remains alert becomes happy in his life. It is too late when our time shows us the reality and this is Sanatan Satya (a universal truth). This is the first Utsv of the new year and so all of you may get together with love and affection. The festivals are not meant only for relishing dry fruits only; they are meant to open up our minds. Cherish the habit of let go. To forgive and to forget is a precious jewel to be preserved in our mind and heart be it our family or our Samaj. All of you are sitting here and all of you are the devotees of Bhagwan. To cherish humanity is the biggest religion. Have you seen me unhappy? For us our Bhagwan is first of all. If we follow this principle, we would never come across any difficulty.

2. On the occasion of Vachnamrit Gyan Varsha Mahotsv, Gandhinagar (Sector-23) temple dated 14/12/2019 (compilation by Gandhinagar temple) : I am very much happy to meet all the saints and devotees. I have come to my home only. When Swami had come to meet, I had told him that there is no need to come. Once it is written, I would come for sure. When performed divine Darshan, I felt how clean is throne of Thakorji! Without any accessories. Accessories means the toys of sparrows, pigeons and flowers are

placed for decoration and there is no objection against it. But sometimes besides Bhagwan, so many others are placed that Bhagwan is hidden! Nowadays there a new fashion of offering spectacles to Bhagwan. Have you heard in the scriptures that, Maharaj used to wear spectacles! Yes. Nityanand Swami used to wear the spectacles and this spectacles are with all of us even today. Isn't Bhagwan sufficient enough for throne that we need to place others in it?

We perform aarti of Vyaspith and we have been habituated. Here there is Vachanamrit means Vachan of Maharaj. And the words of Maharaj are that "My Vaani is my Swaroop." And today poojan of this swaroop is being performed here and it is Vyaspith which is a matter of pride for all of us. Shastri Swami has read many Kathas and has written many books. I asked Swami to write a book which is consisted of his memories only and which has not been stated by you till today. Because it is Itihas and tradition and it is valuable. This Itihas is not found everywhere. The time spent with Swamiji and the ones which are remembered by him and the remaining things are heard from H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Old Itihaas of 3-4 generations which are not written anywhere and are received by us in tradition and it is important to know all this as this is our real wealth. The bridge between the elders and the young children is built through such things only. We have performed Vicharan a lot in America and London and he has many such reminiscences whose tradition is essential to take forward. When such a history is narrated so naturally in an informal way the future definitely remembers it. This would click to the children even after 10, 12 or 15 years. And we are lucky that, we have such a vast history that there is no end to it. There are other people who have heap of myths and no history whereas we have only pure history and no myth and this is to

be understood. Now it is upto us how much and wide we enlighten it.

This is a talk about Vachanamrit and this is Utsav of Vachanamrit. So much has been stated and narrated in our scriptures which has no any boundary. Shastri Swami has made it so simple and placed it in the form of books. Let us take one sentence of Muktanand Swami. The essence of his statement is that, to know means to realize after experience whereas to believe it is just like borrowing. It is enough if we can read the human beings and we have received everything if we have received Bhagwan in our life.

Muktanand Swami was an elder saint and was a disciple of Ramanand Swami and once he was not ready to accept Aishwarya and Samadhi Prakaran of Maharaj. But later on the same Muktanand Swami has stated..... **मन तमसंग मोहं... महाराजनी आरती करता कहूं. काण कर्मथी छूटी, इहुं संहित तरशे.... आ अपसर करुणानिधि, करुणा ओहु कीधी, मुक्तानंद कहे मुक्ति, सुगमकरी सिद्धि.....** How simple has it been made! **It was never difficult and it is not now even today but for those who have identified Him!** Otherwise there are so many people in this world who hang themselves upside down but then they do not know what to do thereafter. We do not have the value of what we have received in our life. We do not have to go anywhere because we have received Aksharvasi at our home. How lucky we are! But we have created all this complication.

Many people go to distant places for pilgrimage. They also go to visit tourist places. I know because I receive calls requesting to give instructions for making arrangement for the room for their stay and also for their meals. Swami must also be receiving such calls. Kindly be clear while making such requests that, you have been there to visit the tourist places, arrangement shall be made because I believe that as narrated in our scriptures, pilgrimage has to be performed at our cost

and while facing all difficulties. Now this does not match with what we have been experiencing. People have been asking for all types of facilities once the room has been allotted. They have been demanding good quality blankets, double-bed etc. If all this is required then many hotels are available.

There is Bhagwan in our temples. Maharaj Himself has stated that, He resides in the idol image. These are the words of Maharaj and they cannot be termed as worldly because they are divine in nature. "All Sankalps of all people will be fulfilled by remaining in this idol image." These are the words of Maharaj Who has given the guarantee of meals, clothes and wealth to the devotees. What more is required? Such a life-time guarantee is not given even by the parents to their children. This is a fact!

I congratulate Swamiji for he has taught me simplicity. All types of hypocrisy is found in the world but here you would not find it. It is enough for a common man if he can take care of his family. It requires great capacity to remain simple and humble despite being capable in all respect. Otherwise people move around in the world raising their collar. You see how competent were Muktanand Swami, Brahmanand Swami, Nityanand Swami but they all believed that their competence is due to the blessings of Maharaj only; they believed because they knew that Maharaj is Sarvopari and real Karta Harta of everything in this world. Everything is narrated in this little understanding.

All of you deserve congratulations because you have given your time during this time. It is my special recommendation that, please give time to your family. Swamiji has been taking care of his body and so no need to tell anything. My humble prayer to Maharaj that Maharaj may keep Swamiji healthy and we all keep on meeting and enjoying in this way. With this, all were blessed.

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM



Our Sampraday is very rich in respect of its literature. Nand Saints of the time of Shreeji Maharaj have created innumerable creations in prose as well as in poetry and have offered it to Sampradaya. Just by performing divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj, Nand Saints used to perform Shighra-rachana (instant creation) and luckily all this literature has been preserved til today in our Sampradaya.



Shreeji Maharaj had conducted questionnaire with the saints-devotees in the Sabhas at Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Aslali, Gadhdha, Loya, Panchala, Kariyani, Vadtal etc. places. In the pious company of Shreeji Maharaj, Sadguru Brahmanand Swami, Sadguru Gopalanand Swami, Sadguru Muktanand Swami, Sadguru Nityanand Swami and Sadguru Shukanand Swami these five saints have compiled them and offered us 273 Vachanamrit. At present (Its diorama is also there in Hall No.2) 200 years are completed to this Vachanamrti, Dwishatabdi Mahotsav is being organised from 23rd to 26th February by Kalupur temple.

Manuscriptes of such invaluable literature of our Satsang has been preserved in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Kitta and aankiyu (measuring instrument) made from ivory in order to draw a line is also placed in Hall No.2 of the Museum for divine Darshan.

- Praful Kharsani

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Shree Mahavishnu Yaag Yagna in Shree Swaminarayan Museum (JANUARY-2020)

10/01/2020 Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees) Darbargarh, Morbi through Sankhya Yogi Rajkunvarba and Sankhya Yogi Ushaba.

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan-January-2020

03/01/2020 Dr. Nimaben Ajaybhai Patel – Science city.

05/01/2020 Rameshbhai Kantibhahi –Vaduwalla – Science city.

16/01/2020 Jainik Vinitkumar Mehta – Chicago.

16/01/2020 (at 11.00 hours) Akshar Nivasi Dakshaben Sureshbhai Mehta – Viharwala – Himatnagar through Hardikbhai and Marmikbhai

22/01/2020 Jasuben Ramanbhai – Kundalwala.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna-January-2020

Rs.10,000/- Harsh Ronakbhai Thakkar through Dr. Vasantbhai Valu – Ahmedabad.

Rs.5,500/- Devotee Shri Minaba Mdhubha Gohil – Bharuch.

Rs.5,250/- Premchandbhai Patadiya – Saylawala – U.S.A.

Rs.5,100/- Soni Jayendrakumar Chunilal- Paliyadwala – Ranip on the occasion of birthday.

Rs.5,000/- Minaben K. Joshi – Bopal.

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)

GREAT IS GHELABHAI !

- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)

Friends! This is an incident of the most crucial time of Gujarat whose special note has also been taken by the renowned men of letters. It was the great drought of Vikram Samvat 1869 wherein lacs of people just died due to hunger and poverty. One can simply imagine the plight of the dumb animals in such a situation! During those times, there were no any facilities and convenience as we are having nowadays. People were just craving for a fist of grains. There were not sufficient arrangements for cremating the dead bodies through fire! And resultantly the outskirts of the villages were filled up with stinking dead bodies and skeletons scattered here and there.

Today we are talking about the devotee Ghelabhai Koli of village Loya and his wife was also trapped in similar situation. They had been observing fast continuously for three days for want of any food and yet both the husband and wife thought of making some more efforts while remembering Bhagwan. They thought of going to the distant place of Gujarat region and to spend some days by doing hard work.

By performing prayer to their Ishtadev and by closing their house, both the husband and wife started from Loya towards the distant places of Gujarat region. The husband is being followed by

the wife and both of them are going ahead by working hard and getting whatever they get out of mercy of the people they meet. As they were going ahead, Ghela saw a golden necklace lying on the road. Ghela did not pay attention to it remembering the directions of his Ishtadev that wealth and money of others is prohibited to be touched even. He apprehended lest his wife may get tempted to take the golden necklace and so he buried it under the dust and soil of the road. When he was burying the necklace beneath the sand, his wife came there and asked him what he was doing. Ghela Bhagat narrated everything. Listening to this, his wife told him that, money of others is like soil for her and so she would never think about even touching it. Really great are these devotees!!!

They might have walked fifteen to twenty steps and they saw a horse-rider coming towards them; the horse-rider inquired Ghela Bhagat about the golden necklace and Ghela Bhagat guided him towards the place where the necklace was buried beneath the sand and helped him find out the golden necklace. The horse-rider became happy and he wanted to offer some gift to Ghela Bhagat and asked him surprisingly about the reason for not taking away the golden necklace during such a critical period of their life. Ghela Bhagat narrated him everything.

The horse rider was surprised to see such a husband and wife with such a strong will-power and in his mind he bowed down to Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and he cherished in his mind his desire to become an ardent devotee of Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

Friends! After reading this small story we should also remember one thing that, our character should be such that other people may get attracted towards our Ishtadev and our saints. If these people would become happy by performing Bhajan of Paramdayalu Ishtadev, we would get Punya of the whole Brahmand.

NO KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT GURU

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Desire to acquire knowledge has nothing to do with the age. Thus, our culture has stated that, first twenty five years of life is the best time to obtain knowledge.

Once one person namely Prabhudas was residing in a village. An idea of acquiring more knowledge came to Prabhudas at the age of about thirty five years. Vairagya got ready to accompany his Jigyasa. One day this Prabhudas thought what is the meaning of spending life like this? There is no end to the cycle of worldly affairs. Is it a life worth calling it? Is it the result of human birth! This human life is very rare and so if it is utilized to its optimum and if Sakshatkar of Parmatma is performed I would become happy. With all such thoughts in his mind, Prabhudas left his home and started towards the dense forest. It was the time, when the people had to go to the forest in search of real Guru. The thought of real Guru is going on constantly in the mind of Prabhudas and he has been walking through the forest, river, hills and valley. While going ahead he saw Ashram of a saint Maharshi. Prabhudas went there with a confidence that he would get some help from this place.

When Prabhudas entered Ashram, he found nobody inside. He was surprised a bit. But he smelt a strong stinking smell coming from one side. Prabhudas went in the direction of this bad smell, and he found there one Mahatma sitting under a tree. His body was got rotten and pus was coming out of it and he was stinking so acute that nobody can stand beside. Prabhudas performed Vandan to this stinking Sanyasi and ardently requested to preach him real knowledge.

Mahatma told Prabhudas that, he cannot impart knowledge in such a condition. First he has to render his devout services as he wants to regain his health. Prabhudas stayed there and started rendering services to Mahatma after obtaining his permission.

First Mahatma asked Prabhudas to bring water from another river situated two miles away as the water of the river upon which this Ashram was constructed was not suitable to Mahatma. Prabhudas toiled hard and brought water from another river in a clay pot. But Mahatma reprimanded Prabhudas for bringing water in a dirty pot and asked him to bring water in another pot of good quality. In this way, Prabhudas was sent back two-three times. Now Prabhudas got tired and so put down the third pot brought by him and started walking away from Ashram thinking that he would try somewhere else to get knowledge. While he was walking, he heard the voice coming out from the pot!

કોદારેણ વિદારીતા વસુમતી પશ્યાદ્ ખરા રોહણમ્;

યસ્થ્યાપીષ્ટ કુલાલપાદદહનનં દંડેય ચક્રભ્રમમ્.

સ્થવા છેદ ઉતાડનય દહનં એતાદ્ધિસોટં મયા;

ગ્રામ્ય સ્ત્રી કરટંકણં બહુકૃતં તન્નોડપિ દુઃખં મહત્.

The pot narrated his plight and gave a nice message to Prabhudas. The pot narrated the whole history of how it came into existence and the stages which it had to pass to get the shape of a pot from a loose clay lying on the land. Listening to this, Prabhudas changed his thought and made up his mind and he resumed rendering his devout services to Mahatma. The moment Prabhudas went inside the Ashram, he was surprised to see Mahatma healthy and all well. Mahatma told with smiling face that Prabhudas had passed his test successfully. Now Prabhudas had obtained the capacity to retain the message and so now he was willing to preach the sermons to Prabhudas. Listening to these words, Prabhudas was very much happy.

Friends! How simple it is now when compared to the time of Prabhudas! Our Ishtadev Swaminarayan Bhagwan has given us Dharmvanshi Acharya. So let us avail the benefit of divine Satsang and Guru which we have received in our life due to blessings of our Bhagwan.

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

**(FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA ON THE OCCASION OF
SATSANG SABHA OF EKADASHI IN
KALUPUR TEMPLE – HAVELI) :
- (Compilation by : Kotak Varsha
Natvarlal – Ghodasar)**

Many times we have heard and we have also read that 'Bhakti' is better than 'Gyan'. Our Maharaj has defined Bhakti and Shree Krishna Bhagwan has also talked about both Gyan and Bhakti while imparting knowledge of 'Bhagwat Gita' to Arjuna. So what is the importance of Gyan in Bhakti. Gyan is in fact Adharshila (the base) of Bhakti. The tree of Bhakti is nourished through the water of Gyan. It requires manure, sun-light everything but if you do not provide water, nothing is received from it. The tree grows and we get its fruits in proportion to the water we pour. Similarly in order to obtain Bhagwan also the tree of Bhakti is grown with height through the water of Gyan only. We cherish love and affection towards anybody or anything only after knowing their importance. So if we possess more knowledge we would cherish more love and affection towards anything. We would understand its importance better. We value the ornaments in proportion to the value of its metal. If the ornaments are made of gold, we would give more importance to the ornaments but we do not give any importance to the imitation items of ornaments. So with the knowledge our love and affection is being increased day by

day. But sometimes our faith is shaken. This happens due to Maya, Lobh, Aasakti etc. resultantly some people do not come to the temple even. Earlier a person used to come to temple early in the morning to perform Mandala Darshan but one day when he was sitting in a Katha, one of his close relatives passed away to Akshardham though the deceased person was very healthy and he was also rendering his devout services to Bhagwan. Everyday we request Bhagwan that He may come at the end moment of our life. But when such a moment comes in our life, our faith is shaken. One's near and dear person passes away and as we cherish utmost love and affection towards the person, our faith is shaken. But if we are having correct and true knowledge, our faith would not be shaken and our Bhakti would also be of higher level and quality. There are three types of Gyan – Uchh (highest) – madhyam (average) and Nimna (lower) level. If a devotee is having the highest true knowledge, his faith cannot be shaken by any Kusangi despite all efforts. But if the faith is without any knowledge then it would be shaken that is because of lack of correct knowledge. During such times, scriptures and all true things narrated therein are forgotten. Some times people cherish false pride of having acquired all knowledge about Dharma and Shastras thinking that he knows everything now as he has read all the scriptures such as Satsangi Jeevan, Vachanamrit, Shiksha

Patri, Bhakta Chintamani etc. this creates pseudo pride in devotees and this is the biggest hurdle for a devotee to reach upto Bhagwan. So such a knowledge is simply superficial knowledge. Then what is inner real knowledge? The light which is required to be lighted cannot be lighted merely by acquiring knowledge. This is not knowledge, it is informative. Real knowledge helps a person in transforming himself. So in order to imbibe real knowledge, one should understand the scriptures from Gyani person and thereafter we have to implement it in our life and then a real transformation takes place within us. Such an inner knowledge is coupled with Gyan and firm faith and trust and so even for performing Bhakti of Bhagwan, inner knowledge is required.

VACHANAMRIT – TREASURE OF KNOWLEDGE

- **Thakkar Vinaben Narendrabhai (Bopal)**

Anantkoti Brahmand Adhipati Sarvavatari Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan incarnated as human being upon this earth and in order to maintain Moksha Marg of 'Sarv Jiva Hitavah' established Dharmvanshi Acharya, propagated Mahabhagwati Diksha, nine great temples were got constructed and the scriptures were got created through Paramhamsas.

About five thousand years ago in the battle-field of Mahabharat Shrimad Bhagwat Gita was narrated by Shree Krishna Bhagwan and before about 200 years 'Vachanamrit' was narrated by Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

There are total 273 Vachanamrits. On the pious day of Maga Sud-04 Samvat 1876 is the day of Vachanamrit Jayanti. These Vachanamrit are as under : **Gadhda First**

Prakaran – 78, Sarangpur – 18, Kariyani – 12, Loya – 18, Panchala – 07, Gadhda Madhya – 67, Vadtal – 20, Ahmedabad – 08, Aslali – 01, Jetalpur – 05, Gadhda Antya Prakaran – 39 = 273.

Vachanamrit is complete book of questionnaire, communication, curiosity, Bhakti and Dharma. It is a guiding link for the Mumukshus. And for the devotees it is a rich treasure of knowledge and for the people of this world it is a life- tonic!

Just as Satsangi Jeevan is Dharma- Shastra, Sastangibhushan is a Bhakti- Shastra, Vachanamrit which is Para-Vaani of Maharaj is Yog-Shastra.

“योगः चित्तवृत्ति निरोधः”

Shastra which connects human mind to Bhagwan is known as Yog Shastra.

The preaching through His Vachanas was got compiled by Maharaj from five Paramhamsa saints, Sadguru Brahmanand Swami, Sadguru Gopalanand Swami, Sadguru Muktanand Swami, Sadguru Nityanand Swami and Shuk Muni.

Careful study of these Vachanamrits makes it clear as to where and how Maharaj can be pleased and by doing what Maharaj is displeased. At many occasions Maharaj has talked about His Purushottam and so from that angle this Vachanamrit is Vaani of Shree Purna Purushottam only.

So let us pray to Maharaj that Adhipati of Akshardham Dharm, Bhaktinandan may reside in our heart for ever.

योऽक्षरे परतरे विराजते स्वीयधाम्नि निज

मुक्त सेवितः ।

अथ भक्तिपूषणंदन समे श्रीहरिर्वसतु

मानसे सदा ॥

સત્સંગ સમાચાર

Celebration of grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, divine and grand Shakotsav was celebrated in the morning at 6.40 hours on 12/01/2020 in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev. After the completion of Shree Harinaam Smaran of the pious Dhanur Maas, Shangaar aarti was performed and thereafter about more than 2500 Haribhaktas availed the Prasad of divine and grand Shakotsav. During the whole programme, Kothari J.K. Swami, J.P. Swami, Natu Swami, Yogi Swami, Bhakti Swami and Kothar staff and Haribhaktas and Mahila Mandal had rendered inspirational services. (Kothari Shastri Narayanmunidasji)

6th Shakotsav at Hirawadi

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, grand Shakotsav was celebrated at 9.00 hours on 11/01/2020 on the ground of Hirawadi Kamal Flat by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Samast Satsang Samaj, Hirawadi.

On this occasion Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur), Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), Shastri Swami Laxmanjivandasji (Mahant – Approach), Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) etc. saints had explained the importance of Shakotsav, Samaiya made prevalent by Shree Hari. Many devotees had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Vaghar of Shakotsav and blessed all

the devotees. Sabha organized on the occasion was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar). (Kothari – Hirawadi)

Grand Shakotsav at village Kubadthal

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadtguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, grand Shakotsav was celebrated at village Kubadthal on 21/12/2019. On this occasion saints from Jealpur, Kalupur had arrived and had narrated Katha-Varta and had explained the importance of Bhagwan Shree Hari. Devotee Shri Mukeshbhai Ravjibha and devotee Shri Dharmendrabhai Savjibhai etc. family had rendered the services as the host of this Shakotsav and they had decorated inner temple and Simhasan of Thakorji. All the devotees of the village had availed the benefit of this divine occasion. (Shastri K.P. Swami Mahant – Jetalpurdham)

Divine Shakotsav at village Mandal

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadtguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, grand Shakotsav was celebrated at village Mandal on 28/12/2019.

On this occasion saints from Jetalpur, Mehsana and Anjali etc. places and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from various places had also arrived. Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services of preparing loaves on this occasion. Haribhaktas had also made beautiful arrangement. (Shastri K.P. Swami, Mahant- Jetalpur)

Wonderful Shakotsav at village Manipur

With the blessings of Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, grand Shakotsav was celebrated on 29/12/2019 by the saints and Haribhaktas at the place of Prasadi at Manipur village.

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First of all one hour Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed. Thereafter saints of Jetalpur temple had performed Katha-Varta followed by Bhajan-Kirtan. Sadguru Brahmchari Swami Purnanandji had performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav. Mahila Mandal had rendered services of preparing the loaves. Devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Narmadashankar Joshi family rendered the services as the host devotee of Shakotsav whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees. (Shastri K.P. Swami – Mahant of Jetalpurdham)

Divine Shakotsav at village Dediyan

With the blessings of Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, divine grand Shakotsav was celebrated on 04/01/2020 by the saints and Haribhaktas at village Dediyan of Viramgam taluka. On this occasion, saints of Jetalpur temple and Sadguru Brahmchari Swami Purnanandji had performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav. In the Sabha Brahmchari Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariswaroopanandji (trustee), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Makansar) etc. saints had narrated Katha-Varta. Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees had also arrived on this occasion. Ladies devotees had rendered services of preparing the loaves of Bajri. All had availed the benefit of Prasad of Shakotsav. (Shastri K.P. Swami – Mahant of Jetalpurdham)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bayad

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, divine Shakotsav was celebrated on 05/01/2020 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bayad. On this occasion, saints of Jetalpur temple had performed Dhoon-Kirtan and had performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav.

Mahila Mandal had rendered services of preparing the loaves. All the devotees of the village had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. (Shastri K.P. Swami – Mahant of Jetalpurdham)

Dhanur Maas Dhoon in Shree

Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva (Vanto)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, all the devotees and Haribhaktas of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva (Vanto) had performed Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon from 16/12/2019 to 14/01/2020 during the pious Dhanur Maas wherein about more than 200 Haribhaktas, ladies devotees and children had participated. On the lastday, Shakotsav was organized and thereby concluding ritual of Dhoon was performed. [Kothari, Dangarva (Vanto)]

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Vachanamrit Katha was organized from 28/11/2019 to 30/11/2019 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatgar on the occasion of Vachnamrit Dwishtabadi. In the memory of Akshar Nivasi Santokben Parshottamdas Patel, Akshar Nisvasi Aayushiben Dipakpuar Patel this Katha was organized with Shastri Premprakashdasji as the spokesperson. Janmangal Path and poojan of 108 Tulsi Patra was also performed on this occasion.

On 02/12/2019, Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj by the host devotee family of above mentioned Parayan. Saints from various places had granted the benefit of Katha-Varta. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had performed Annakut Aarti and had observed Nutan Mandir and had been very much pleased. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Swami and haribhaktas of the temple. On 29/12/2019 grand Shakotsav was celebrated wherein Akshar Nivasi Santokben Parshottamdas Patel, Akshar Nisvasi Aayushiben Dipakpuar Patel had rendered the services as the host devotees. Saints had narrated talks about importance of Shree Hari. All devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Kothari, Himatnagar temple)

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Divine Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya (R.C. Technical Road)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Gandhinagar (Sector-2) temple, grand Shakotsav was organized on 12/01/2020 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya (R.C. Technical road), Ahmedabad wherein local Haribhaktas had rendered their services as the host devotees and all other devotees had rendered their beautiful services.

Katha-Varta was performed by the saints. During the whole pious Dhanur maas, all Haribhaktas had performed Mahamantra Dhoon in the early morning. Satsang Sabha is organized in our temple in the evening from 4.30 to 6.30 hours on every Sunday. After Satsang Sabha, Bhojan Prasad is offered. With the inspiration of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, various religious and social activities are conducted.

Campaign for becoming life-time members of our 'Shree Swaminarayan' magazine is also going on and so whosoever intends to become the member, they may contact the Kotharishri. (Kothari Rameshbhai Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji (Mathura), 4th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa (Nalanda-2) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Kothari Shastri Swami Sarveshwardasji (Mathura), Shastri Swami Sukhnandandasji, Shastri D.K. Swami and Hariprakash Swami etc. saints had narrated Katha-Varta, Bhajan-Kirtan and Annakut aarti of Thakorji was also performed. Devotee Shri Vasantbhai Patel family had rendered the services as the host devotee of this occasion.

Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal had rendered services for preparing Annakut. All devotees

availed the benefit of Prasad and divine Darshan. (K.B. Prajapati)

Shrimad Bhagwat Katha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhayla

With the blessings of Sarvavatari Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar Sector-2) and Sadguru Shastri Swami nandkishordasji, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan was organized from 09/01/2020 to 13/01/2020 at village Bhayala of Sadguru Mahanubhavanand Swami with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji as the spokesperson. All the devotees of the village availed its benefit. On 10/01/2020 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Darshan in inner temple of the village and blessed all the devotees and the host devotee family in the Sabha. Mahant Swami Satyasankalpdasji of Dholka temple and Saint Mandal had provided beautiful guidance. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. (Kothari, Bhayala)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatpura (Lakroda)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar Sector-2), grand Shakotsav was organized on 08/01/2020 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatpura (Lakroda). On this occasion Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji (Kalupur), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji (Naranghat) and Shastri Swami Gopaljivandasji (Moyad) etc. saint Mandal had narrated Katha-Varta and had performed divine Shakotsav in front of Thakorji. After the construction of the temple, this was the first Shakotsav and so all the Haribhaktas had rendered their services of mind, body and money with utmost affection and had availed the benefit of Amritvani of the saints and had availed Prasad of Shakotsav. All had expressed the feelings that such Shakotsav should be celebrated every year. (Sureshbhai Chaudhary – Himatpura)

Bal Mandal Shibir of whole Ahmedabad Desh

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of and under the auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, a Balika Shibir of the whole Ahmedabad Desh of the age-group between 10 to 20 years was organized on Sunday 19/01/2020 from 9.00 hours in the morning till 5.30 hours in the evening on the ground of Shree Narnarayandevnagar (Parasnagar, Ghatlodia).

In the evening at 9.00 hours Deep Pragatya was performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj amidst Jayghosh of Shree Hari. In the morning session Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Muli), Shri Parthbhai Upadhayay (mountaineer of the peak of the Mount Everest) and Shri Tejasbhai Patel (RSS) had inspired the children through examples about the importance of discipline and unity and activity in life.

In the afternoon after Bhojan-Prasad Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees had delivered their inspirational speeches from 1.00 to 3.00 hours and H.H. Shri Raja and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had granted divine Darshan and the blessings.

In the post-afternoon session Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) and Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kalol) had delivered beautiful lectures with analysis upon the subject 'ideal child' and 'Basic knowledge of Satsang' and to follow the principles of the original Sampradaya. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Naranpura), Sadguru Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji (Anjali temple), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Devswaropdasji (Mansa), Shastri Swami Premprakashdasji (Himatnagar), Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji (Muli) and Sadguru Swami Brahmviharidasji (Charadava) and Sadguru Swami Nityaprakashdasji and Swami Satsangsagardaji (Surendranagar) etc. young Brahmishth learned saints, the speaker saints had delivered their inspirational speeches.

At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had blessed the whole Bal Mandal and a photo session was also organized. Sabha was conducted by

Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji (Gandhinagar) and Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji (Kalupur). More than 3000 children of 91 villages had participated in this Satsang Shibir. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamfalwadi (Ramol)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu 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 Purushottamprakashdasji (Gandhiangar), 7th Varshik Patotsav of the temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 21/01/2020. On this occasion, Poojan, Abhishek and Annakut of Thakorji were performed and Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was also organized followed by one hour Sabha wherein Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Shastri Swami Vrajbhusandasji (Koteswar), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji (Naranghat) and Sadguru Swami Dharmkishordasji (Kalupur) etc. Brahmanishtha learned saints had delivered their inspirational speeches. Shastri swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) had conducted the Sabha. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

Shrimad Bhagwat Panchdinatmak Parayan at village Indrapura

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Gandhinagar) and with the arrangement by Shree Swaminarayan Mahila Mandal, Indrapura and all the villagers, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchdinatmak Parayan was organized from 0/01/2020 to 07/01/2020 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) as the spokesperson. Thousands of villagers availed the benefit of listening to this Katha. All the devotees of the village had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. On 05/01/2020 H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had graced this occasion and had blessed all the ladies devotees. On 07/01/2020 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the occasion and had performed aarti of Thakorji in our temple and

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had graced the Sabha and had performed aarti of concluding ritual of Katha. Saints from various places and Mahant Swami from Kalupur temple had arrived on this occasion. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Vrajbhushandasji. (Kothari, Indrapura)

Grand Shakotsav in village Pratappura (Kalol)

With the blessings of Sarvopari Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Gandhinagar), grand Shakotsav was organized at village Pratappura. Devotee Shri Vinodbhai Chaudhary (Gandhinagar) family had rendered services as the host devotee of Shakotsav. On this occasion Mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple and Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji of Naranghat temple had performed Vaghar of Shakotsav and had narrated Katha in the Sabha organized on this occasion. Mahila Mandal and Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Somabhai Chaudhary)

Divine Shakotsav in Ramnagar (Sabarmati)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Sarvopari Shreeji Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple (Sector-2), Mahamantra Dhoon was performed in the early morning during the whole pious Dhanur Maas. Samast Satsang Samaj had celebrated divine Shakotsav on 05/01/2020 at Koteswar Gurukul. On this occasion Shastri Vrajbhushan Swami (D.C., America) and Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. (Natubhai Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Por (Gandhinagar)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, beautiful Shakotsav was celebrated on 12/01/2020 by Por village Satsang Samaj. On this occasion Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami

Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Vrajbhushandasji (Koteswar) etc. saints had narrated Katha-Varta. During the whole Shakotsav, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had rendered inspirational services. All the devotees had performed divine Darshan, listening of Katha and had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Rakeshbhai Patel)

Chandkheda (Ahmedabad city)

With the blessings of Parabrahm Parmatma Ishtadev Shreeji Maharaj and with the directions of Shree Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), beautiful Shakotsav was celebrated on 12/01/2020. On this occasion Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji from Naranghat and saints from Koteswar Gurukul had narrated Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Leela Charitra Katha and had performed Shakotsav. At last all the devotees had availed Prasad. (Dhaval Patel)

Shakotsav by Manekpur temple (Chaudhary)

With the blessings of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) and Kothari of Manekpur temple Shri Shambhubhai Joitabhai Chaudhary, beautiful Shakotsav was celebrated on 13/01/2020 on behalf of Akshar Nivasi Chaudhary Shanataben Gandabhai Joitabhai family and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur Chaudhary Satsang Samaj.

In the Sabha Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul) had narrated Katha about importance of Leela of Shakotsav. Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Purani Swami Karshandasji Swami (who got constructed this temple) had rejuvenated Satsang of this village. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed Shakotsav and had blessed all the devotees. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. All the devotees had performed divine Darshan of Dev, Dharmkul and saints and had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Kothari, Manekpur)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ambapur

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration

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of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Gandhinagar Sector-2), in the plot situated behind three Swaminarayan temple, Ambapur, grand Shakotsav was celebrated on Sunday 12/01/2020 by the satsangi devotees and Samast Satsang Samaj of Ambapur village. Saints of Gandhinagar Sectr-2 temple and Koteswar had narrated Katha-Varta. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. All the devotees availed the benefit of divine Dev Darshan, listening of Katha and Shakotsav. (Kothari, Ambapur)

Annakut Utsv and 8th Patotsav and Vachanamrit Panchan Paryan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aadraj (Moti)

With the blessings of Parabrahm Parmatma Shree Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar Sector-2) and with the beautiful arrangement of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Krishnadasji and Kothari and Samast Satsang Samaj of Aadraj village, 8th Varshik patotsav of Shree Swamiaryaan temple and Vachanamrit Panchan Paryaan was organized from 24/01/2020 to 28/01/2020 wherein our learned saints had narrate Kathamrit of Vachanamrit of Shree Hari. H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. On 28/01/2020 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed aarti of Thakorji in inner temple and blessed the whole Sabha. All the devotees of the village rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Gopaljivan Swami (Moyad). (Kothari, Aadraj temple)

30th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mokhasan and 29th Patotsav of temple of ladies devotees and Katha Parayan

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji (Vadnagar), 30th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mokhasan

and 29th Patotsav of the temple of the ladies devotees was celebrated. On this occasion Shree Pusushottamprakash Tridinatmak Katha was organized from 07/02/2020 to 09/02/2020 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdaji (Gandhinagar) as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Patel Rukhiben Ghanshyambhai and devotee Shri Ghandhyambhai Manilal Patel and their children devotee Shri Mukeshbhai and Sanjaybhai rendered the services as the host devotee of this Patotsav. On 07/02/2020 H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the occasion and hand performed aarti of Thakorji in the temple of the ladies devotees and had blessed all the ladies devotees in the Sabha organized on the occasion. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had performed Annakut aarti of Thakorji and concluding aarti of Katha-Parayan and had blessed all the devotees. Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji. (Shastri Vrajbhushandasji, Koteswar)

Satsang Sewa Smriti Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Morlimanohardev Harikrishna Maharaj of Dholka temple and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Satyasankalpdaji of Dholka temple, in the memory of Aksharvaas of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji, Satsang Sewa Smriti Mahotsav was organised in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka. As a part of this Mahotsav, Shrimad Bhagwat Paryan was organized from 30/12/2019 to 05/01/2020 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Kankaria) as the spokesperson.

On 05/01/2020 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the occasion. And had performed divine Darshan of Thakorji and had inaugurated Nutan Shree Morlimanohardev Yatrik Bhuvan which has been constructed with the noble Sankalp of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Jagdishprasadasji and with the beautiful efforts of Mahant Swami Satyasankalpdaji. Thereafter, grand Shakotsav was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Saints and Haribhaktas from various places had arrived on this occasion. (Kothari Swami Ramprakashdasji – Dholka)

Shree Hari Pran Pratistha Mahotsav, Marusana

With the blessings of Bharatkhand Rajadhiraj Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev adn with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Akshar Nivasri Sadguru mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji and under the guidance of his disciple Mahant Satyasankalpadasji, construction of Nutan Hari Mandir was completed and accordingly from 12/01/2020 to 16/01/2020 Shree Hari Pranpratistha Mahotsav was organized in village Marusana. On this occasion Shrimad Satsangibhushan Katha was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Kankaria), Shastri Swami Sarjudasji (Dwarka) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) as the spokespersons. Devotee Shri Babubhai Narandas Patel had rendered the services as the host of this Katha. Sains of Samhita Path had narrated Kathamrit. On 16/01/2020 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced this occasion and had performed the ritual in Vedic tradition of Pran Pratistha of idol image of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan in Nutan temple. Thereafter, aarti of concluding ritual of Yagna and Katha was performed. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had also graced this occasion and had performed aarti of Thakorji and had blessed all the ladies devotees. In the Sabha Akshar Nivasi Patel Paliben Shambhubhai family had performed poojan-aarti of Dharmkul. The whole utsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. (Kothari Bharatbhai C. Patel)

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Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar

With the blessings of Shree Radhakrishnadev Shree Hari Krishna Maharaj of Mulidham and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Premjivandsji of Surendranagar temple, from 26/12/2019 to 30/12/2019 Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar. On this

occasion grand Shobhayatra, Pothiyatra of 200 Vachanamrit was organized in the city. Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji, Swami Kripavatsaldasji, Swami Satsangsagardasji, Swami Nityaprakashdasji and Swami Tyagvallabhdasji were the spokespersons. About more than 15000 devotees and Haribhaktas of Surendranagar city and nearby villages had availed the benefit of listening to Katha. On 30/12/2019 grand Shakotsv was organized. Simultaneously, Prasad was distributed to Old Age Home and Blind People's Home and Home for the widows. Sabha was conducted by Dev Swami. The whole arrangement was made with the inspiration and guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdaji. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahial Mandal had rendered beautiful services. Shanti Swami, Bhakti Swami and Kanu Bhagwat had also rendered their inspirational services. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Grand Shakotsav in Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Rajkot (Halar Pradesh)

With the blessings of Shree Radhakrishnadev Shree Hari Krishna Maharaj of Mulidham and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji of Muli temple, grand Shakotsav was celebrated on Sunday 29/12/2019 at Rajkot (Halar) by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. On this occasion Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji had narrated the importance of Shakotsav in the form of a beautiful Katha.

On this occasion, saints from Ratanpra, Makansar, Charadava, Halvad and Mahant Gyan Swami from Limbdi had narrated the importance of Bhagwan. Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddaji had blessed the Yuvak Mandal for great progress. Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji had conducted the Utsav very beautifully. More than six thousands devotees availed the benefit of Shakotsav. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Halar Vibhag Jayesh Tank, Ghanshyam Varu)

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Vachanamrit 273 Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the guidance of Poojari Swami Ajayprakashdasji and Satyasankalpadas, Panchdinatmak Vachanamrit Katha was organized in the evening with Shastri Satyasankalpadasji as the spokesperson on the occasion of Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi. On this occasion, the host devotees who rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money were honoured by the saints. After Katha, Dhoon-Kirtan were performed followed by Prasad whose benefit was availed by all the devotees. (Pravin Shah)

Vachanamrit 273 Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan (Texas)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Suvrat Sami of this temple, Katha was organized in the evening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan (Texas) as a part of Shree Vachanamrti Dwishatabdi. All the host devotees and other dignitaries were honoured with garlands on this occasion. The host devotees had performed poojan-aarti of Vachanamrit Granth. At last aarti of Thakorji, Dhoon-Kirtan and Nitya Niyam were performed and the benefit of Prasad was availed by all. (Pravin Shah)

Vachanamrit 273 Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Allen Town (Vadtaldham)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Dharmkishordasji, Vachanamrit 273 katha was organized. The host devotee family had performed poojan of Granthand the spokesperson. Harihbaktas had availed the benefit of listening to Katha. All the host devotee family members and all the devotees who rendered their beautiful services were

honoured with garlands in the Sabha organized on this occasion. After Katha, aarti, Thaal of Thakorji and Nitya Niyam were performed and at last all had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Vachanamrit 273 poojan in Chhapaiyadham Shree Swaminarayan temple, Parsippany

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji, Katha of Vachanamrit was organized in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours during the week-end in our New Jersey Parsippany Chhapaiyadham Hindu Shree Swaminarayan temple on the occasion of 22th Jayanti of Shree Vachanamrit 273. The host devotees had performed poojan of the spokesperson of Katha and granth.

All the guests and the devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured with garlands. After Katha, aarti of Thakorji was performed and at last all the devotees availed the benefit of Prasad. (Pravinbhai Shah)

Dhanur Maas Katha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhon was organized by the saints and the devotees during the whole pious Dhanur Maaas in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago. Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji had narrated Katha Vachan-vidhi as narrated by Sadguru Nishkulanand Kavya. Poojari Brahmchari Swami Krishnapriyanandji had offered beautiful Shangaar to Thakorji. Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur) had narrated beautiful Katha. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had organized beautiful Satsang Shibir. All the devotees who rendered their ardent services were honoured. (Vasant Trivedi)

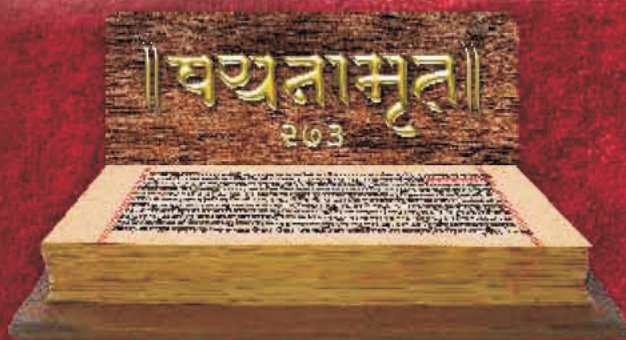
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(1) H.H. Shri Lalji Mahaarj blessing the Sabha organized on the occasion of Bal Satsang Shibir in Ahmedabad wherein large number of children participated. (2) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessing the Sabha on the occasion of Vachanamrit Katha-Parayan and Vidh-vidh Abhishek in Naranghat temple and Pothi Yatra Darshan. (3) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Shakotsav in Hirawadi. (4) Vachanamrit Ratriya Parayan and Shakotsav in Motera village. (5) Shakotsav at village Kocharab. (6) The spokesperson narrating Bhagwat Katha at village Patan.



(1) Saints and Haribhaktas performing Shakotsav in our Sine Mansion (America) temple. (2) Saints narrating Katha of Shiksha Patri Jayanti on the pious day of Vasant Panchmi in Chicago temple. (3) Saints and Haribhaktas performing Shakotsav in Regina (Canada) temple. (4) Shakotsav in our Saskatoon (Canada) temple. (5) Assistance by our I.S.S.O. SEWA to the people affected during the severe forest-fire in Australia.



VACHANAMRIT MAHOTSAV

From 23rd to 26th February 2020

President :

H.H. Shri Future Acharya Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj

Place :

Shree Narnarayandev nagar,
Parasnagar, Bhuyangdev, Ahmedabad

Programmes of Mahotsav

Sunday 23/02/2020

evening 6.00 to 7.30 hours Vachanamrit Poojan, Laser Show, Light and Sound Show, fire-crackers, Group Aarti
Place : Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad

Monday 24/02/2020

Time : Evening 4.00 to 7.00 hours
Swagat Nriya, Vachanamrit Vyakhyan Mala, Vachanamrit Poojan, Blood donation
Night 9.00 to 11.00 hours
Cultural Programme (Yuvak Mandal)

Tuesday Date : 25/02/2020

Time : Noon 12.30 hours to 3.00 hours
Vachanamrit Samuh Mahapooja
Afternoon : 4.00 to 7.00 hours
Poojan of five Nand saints, Vachanamrit Vyakhyan Mala, honouring of donors
Night : 9.00 to 11.00 hours
Cultural Programme (Mahila Mandal)

Wednesday Date : 26/02/2020

Morning 6.30 to 9.30 hours
Mahabhishek, Annakut, Sabha
Place : Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad
Evening 4.00 to 7.00 hours
Vyakhyan Mala, honouring of persons engaged in the cleaning work, Dharmkul Poojan, Saint Poojan, Samuh Aarti, Vachanamrit Samuh Mahapooja
Names may be registered immediately by depositing Rs.5,000/- in the nearby temple with dome



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