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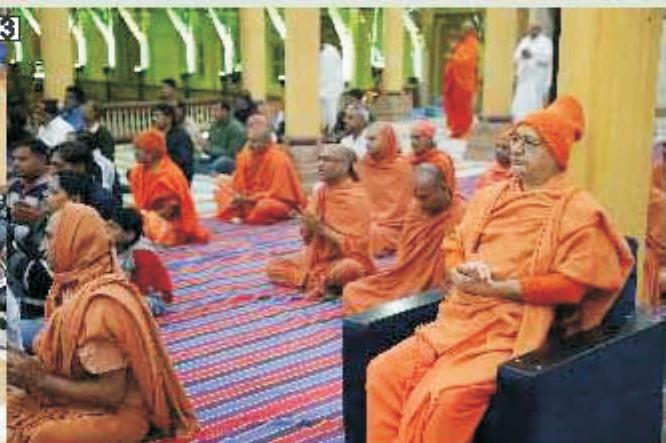
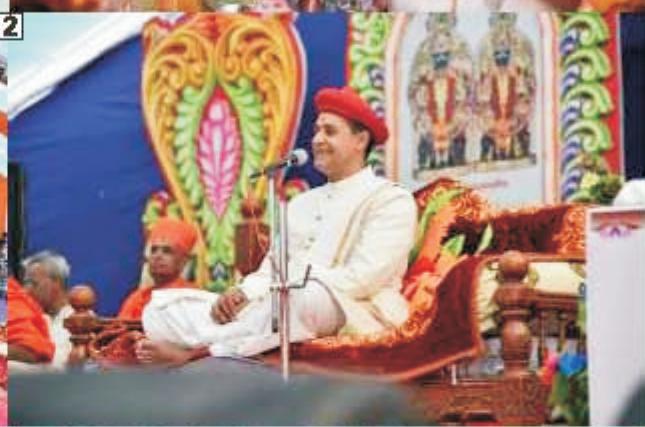
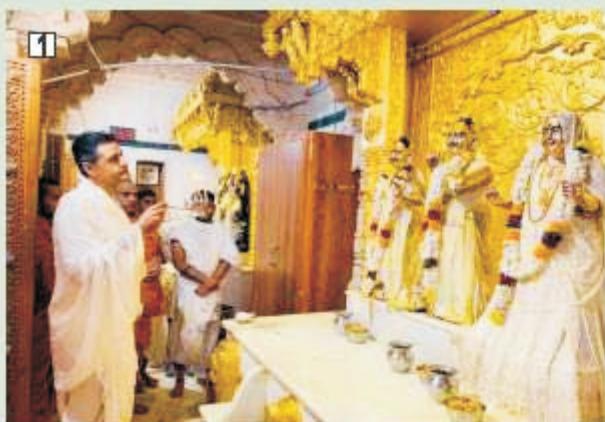
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**Murti Pratista Mahotsav of  
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1. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek Aarti of Thakorji on the occasion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol Panchwati. 2. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Murti Pratistha in temple of ladies devotees at village Vadu. 3. Saints and Haribhaktas availing the benefit of Dhoon Mahotsav in our Kalupur temple during the plous Dhanur Maas. 4. Distribution of grains and jacket to the poor children by our Bhagwanpura-Pratappura temples.



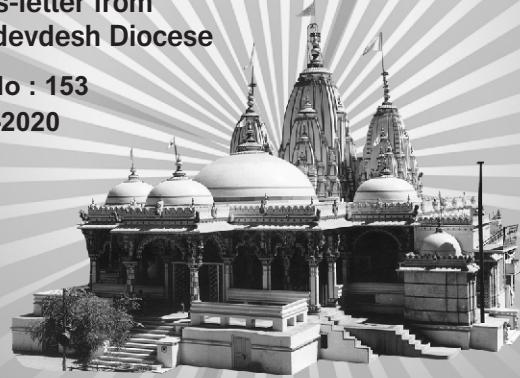


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# अस्मदपम्

Human being has made so much tampering with Nature and so much of natural sources have been damaged by him that, the whole natural cycle of seasons has been disturbed. This year, there was abundant rain during the rainy season and even now a days we find it is raining at some places without there being any monsoon season. This has damaged the agricultural crops immensely. A human being has been proved very tiny against massive natural forces. If we would continue to damage the natural resource in this way, we have to face its dire consequences in very short period of time. There would be great threat to the big cities situated on the sea-shore. There would be intolerable heat and cold waves followed by pouring of heavy rains and then storms which in all would damage this earth immensely and irreparably. So if all of us want to save ourselves from such extreme conditions, we have to engage ourselves in the protection of environment otherwise future is going to be a great challenge for all of us.

By the time, this issue of the magazine would be received by you, it would be the end of the pious Dhanur Maas. Accounts books would be maintained in Akshardham as to how much special Naam-Smaran of Shree Hari is performed during this pious month. Therefore, those who have availed the benefit of this Dhoon, their account would be in plus. Dhanur Maas is not over for us, it would continue forever for all of us. Just as people of this world are addicted to various addictions of this world, we should also get addicted to Bhajai, Kirtan and Smaran of Bhagwan. This addiction would develop so much gradually in us that, we would not live without it. All the devotees of Shree Hari should develop this addiction of performing Bhajan-Kirtan of Bhagwan, so that at the end of their lives they get emancipation.

Editor  
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# Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008

## Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

(DECEMBER - 2019)



1 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2) on the occasion of Patotsav.  
 2 Graced village Vali (Rajasthan) residence of devotee Shri Kishanji Dayaji Mali.  
 3 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadu (ladies devotees) on the occasion of Murti Pratistha of Nutan temple.  
 4 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (Panchvati) on the occasion of 2nd Patotsav.  
 5-6 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav.  
 7 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, vanzar (Sarkhej) on the occasion of Patotsav.  
 9-10 Graced the occasion of re-invocation of Bhedia Bet Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in Nutan temple situated at Indo-Park border organized by Bhuj (Kachchh) temple.  
 11 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva (Patidar) on the occasion of Patotsav.  
 13 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Netramali (Idar Desh) on the occasion of Murti Pratistha.  
 14 Graced 'Vachanamrit Gyan Varsha Mahotsav' of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23).  
 24 to 27 Graced Nairobi (East Africa) Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal on the occasion of Patotsav and Murti Pran Pratistha.

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

(DECEMBER - 2019)

2 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar on the occasion of Patotsav.  
 3 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav.  
 5 Graced Narayanpura temple on the occasion of Katha.  
 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Vanzar on the occasion of Patotsav.  
 6 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva on the occasion of Patotsav.  
 9 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Maniyor.  
 13 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kochrab Paldi on the occasion of Shakotsav.  
 15 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zulasan on the occasion of Shakotsav.  
 19 to 21 Graced Nairobi (East Africa) Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal on the occasion of Patotsav and Murti Pran Pratistha.



In our Hindu Sanatan tradition, sixteen Samskaras are performed during the life of a human being. Samskara means Sanshodhan-Parishodhan-Parishuddhi. Our scriptures cherish faith and belief in re-birth. Through Samskara, Shudhi (purification) of Jeev (soul) is performed through all three types (A dhyatmik - A adhibhautik - Aadhidevik). Our scriptures consider the human birth as eligible for Moksha-Mukti, it can uplift itself by becoming Dosh0Mukta through Samskara. By performing Samskaras in every stage of human life, a Jeev can get rid of and can purify itself from all types of impurities carried with itself of all previous births and lives while passing through eighty four lakh yonis. Samskaraa has been considered as an essential rule for the human being and so it is mandatory to observe this rule. A person who does not observe these sixteen Samskaras in his life, his life is rendered incomplete. Or if one or two Samskaras are left out, there remains its defect in his life. Our ancient Arya tradition cherishes utmost trust in sixteen Samskaras and they are found in tact in the life style of the people residing in the rural areas. These Samskaras impact the human life scientifically. At the time of performing all

## SIXTEEN SAMSKRAS

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

these Samskaras, chanting of Vedic Mantras is performed according to each ritual. Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Sahajanand Sami has given directions to the devotees in *Shloka-91* of the pious '*Shiksha Patri*': **"The Dwijas (twice born) shall perform the due rites following the conception of a child and perform daily rituals and Shraaddh conception of a child and perform daily rituals and Shraaddh (obsequies) at the appropriate time according to the capacity of individuals."**

Without Samskaras Swabhav-Dosh, Vani-vartan-Dosh, Aacharan-Dosh, Drasti-Dosh, Dosh of Physical and mental deformity, lack of noble qualities of Dham-Gyan-Vairagya etc., intolerance towards family etc. are found in human life.

Names and details of these Sixteen Samskaras are narrated here.

- (1) **Garbhadhaan:** In Hindu Parampara, Four Samskaras before the birth of a child and eleven Samskaras after the birth and one Samskara is performed after the death of a person. Garbhadhan Samskara is performed with an objective of the development and continuance of the progeny of the parents and with a view to get a noble and intelligent child. Prayer is performed to the pious Runanubandhi Atma and wish for Saubhagyavati is also cherished.
- (2) **Punsavan:** For the physical and mental development of the baby in the womb of the mother, this Samskara is performed amidst chanting of the Vedic Mantras. Due to this Samskara, a child is born and healthy and intelligent.

(3) **Simantonayan:** This Samskara is performed on completion of 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> month from the conceiving of a baby. As there has been physical and mental development a baby in the womb of the mother, behaviour and conduct and thinking of a mother are imbibed by the baby. As a baby emulates the mother in letter and spirit, it is in a way ritual for the mother for being alert in her achar-vichar-shravan etc.

(4) **Jatkarma:** After the birth of a baby, Jatkarma ritual is performed wherein the baby is released from the Doshas of the birth-time and the Dosha of remaining in the womb of the mother and for the long life of a baby. After performing Suraksha Kavach of Dev-Devi of Kul Parampara, the concerned deities and Pitrus are satisfied through Pooja. Even Ghee and honey are touched at the lip of the baby and nabhi-dand is cut.

(5) **Naamkaran :** Ritual of Naamkaran is performed on the 11<sup>th</sup> day from the birth of a baby. Learned Brahmins prepare Janmpatrika of the birth time and the baby is named accordingly.

(6) **Nishkramana :** Nishkraman means to go out. On the fourth month from the birth, a child is taken out of home and at that he is granted Darshan of Panchmahabut - Pruthvi, Jal, Tej, Vayu and Aakash and prayer is performed for the well being and health of the child.

(7) **Anprashan :** On the seventh month from the birth, meals are offered to the child as an auspicious sign and on that day poojan of Annapurna Devi is performed.

(8) **Chaul :** Between the age of one-three-five years from the birth, hair of the child is removed through Mundan Samskara; so that intellect of a child is developed and the insects of the pregnancy time are destroyed.

(9) **Vidyarambh :** Through this Samskara, a child is initiated towards appropriate formal education and at that time poojan of Maa Sharda Devi is performed.

(10) **Karnavedh :** Ears of a child pierced with the help of a golden needle and making it convenient the facility of wearing gold ornaments. Through acupuncture this also helps free flow of blood in the brain of the child so that memory power of the child is increased.

(11) **Upnayan :** This ritual is performed in front of Guru by accepting a three-layered cotton thread popularly known as Yagnopavit. After accepting and wearing this Yagnopavit, a person is known as Dwij – born second time. In the knot of Yagnopavit are said to be residing Brahma-Vishnu-Shiv and in nine Sutra Tantu is said to be performed poojan of Omkar, Agni, Shesh, Chandra, Pitru, Prajapati, Agni, Surya, Vishwadev.

(12) **Vedarambha :** Besides formal education, the child is also imparted Vedic Gyan.

(13) **Keshani Samskar :** During Brahmcharyashram, prior to starting education, head is kept clean shaved for Keshant – Siddhi of Brahmcharya because Kaamdev is said to be residing in Kesh.

(14) **Samavartan :** This Samskara is performed upon return of the child after completing his education.

(15) **Vivah :** in this most important ritual, Agni is lighted and by performing Parikrama in the presence of Agnidev, bride and bridegroom take oath and perform Sankalp of adhering to Dharma assigned to each of them by this Lagna-Samskara. And one gets rid of Pitru-run.

(16) **Antyesthi :** after leaving this human body, agni (fire) which is lighted at the time of Lagna Samskara is carried from home to crematorium and there body is offered to fire. By doing so, Atma becomes free from all types of Runas (obligations).

# PRARTHNA OF SHREE VIDHNAHARTA GANESH

- Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad)

॥ गणपतिस्तोत्रम् ॥

विघ्नेश विघ्नचयखण्डननाथेयं श्रीशंकरात्मज सुराधिपवन्द्यपाद ।  
दुर्गामहान्रतफलाखिलमंगलात्मन् ।  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥१॥  
सत्यद्वारागमपिणवर्णशरीरकर्त्ति  
श्रीसिद्धिबुद्धिपरिचर्चितकुमश्रीः ।  
दक्षस्तनेवलयितातिमनोज्ज शुण्डो  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥२॥  
पाशांकुंशाब्जपरशूश्व दधच्चतुर्भिर्दोर्भि-  
श्शोणकुमस्त्रगुमांग जातः ।  
सिद्धुरशोभितललाटविद्युप्रकाशो  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥३॥  
कार्येषुविघ्नचयभितविरचमुखैः  
सम्पूजितः सुरवैरपि मोदकाद्यैः ।  
सर्वेषु च प्रथममेव सुरेषु पूज्यो  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥४॥  
शीघ्रांचनस्त्वलनचुंचुर्वोद्धकण्ठ-  
स्थूलोन्दुरुद्रवणासितदेवसंघः ।  
शूर्पश्रुतिश्शृथवर्तुलतुंगतुन्दो  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥५॥  
यज्ञोपवितजलमिभतनागराजो  
मासादिपुण्यदहशीकृतऋक्षराजः ।  
भक्ताभयप्रद दयालय विघ्नराजो  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥६॥  
सद्रवसारततिराज सक्तिरीटः  
कौसुभ्यचारुवसनद्वय उर्जितश्रीः ।  
सर्वत्रमंगलकरस्मरणसापो  
विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥७॥  
देवान्तकाद्यसुरभीतसुरार्तिहर्ता



विज्ञानबोधनवरेण तमोपहर्ता ।

आनन्दितत्रिभुवेश कुमारबध्नो

विघ्नंमापहरसिद्धिविनायक त्वम् ॥८॥

॥ इति श्रीशतानन्दमुनिविरचितं सत्संगिजीवनस्थं

श्रीगणपतिस्तोत्रम् ॥

Shree Hari has given the direction in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' of performing poojan of five deities and in it the place of Ganeshji is third one. Among all the deities, Ganeshji is worthy to be offered pooja-archa first of all. Ganeshji is capable of removing all obstacles which come during the life. He is Adhistata Dev of all Vidhnas (obstacles). And therefore Parmatma Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself has performed Smaran of Vidhnaharta Ganeshji prior to leaving home for granting divine knowledge to the whole world so that there may not be any obstacles in fulfillment of this noble Sankalp. From Shloka-04 to 11 of Adhyay-42 of Prakaran-01 of 'Satsangi Jeevan' scripture by Shatanand Muni, a prayer to be offered to Ganeshji has been described. Let us try to understand the meaning of this prayer in Sanskrit.

विघ्नेश विघ्नयथेऽननामधेयं श्रीशंकरात्मज  
सुराधिपवन्द्यपाद । दुर्गामहाव्रतक्षलाखिलमंगलात्मन्  
विघ्नं भामापहरसिद्धिविनायक भम् ॥९॥

Hey Ganeshji – Niyanta (Regulator) of Vidhnas (obstacles) your name is famous and

important for removing obstacles of all types from human life. And hence great deities like Indra always perform Vandan at Your lotus-like feet. Being incarnated as a result of Tapascharya of Mata Parvatiji, You always do good of all. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (1)

सत्प्रारागमणिवर्णशीरकान्ति श्रीसिद्धि

भुद्धिपरिचयितकुंकुमश्रीः । दक्षतानेवल वितातिमनोऽन्  
शुण्डो विद्नं ममापहरसिद्धिविनाय त्वम् ॥२॥

Colour of Your body is so beautiful like a beautiful and the best lotus flower (Brahma-Kamal) placed when looked while placed beside precious and serene big-size diamond. Upon this body, both your beautiful wives Siddhi-Buddhi have smeared Kumkum lep. Your long trunk is lying around your breast; and anyone who performs Your divine Darshan gets divine pleasure. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (2)

पाशांकुशाङ्गपरशून्श  
दधयतुभिर्दीनिश्चशोणाकुसुभगुमांग जातः ।  
सिन्धूशोभितलाटविधुपकाशो विद्न  
ममापहरसिद्धिविनाय त्वम् ॥३॥

In order to protect one's own devotees and to punish the evil persons, You have held Pash, Ankush, Kamal and Parasu in Your four hands and You have worn garland of red flower around your neck. You have held Chandra and Sindoor in Your forehead as an ornament. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (3)

कार्यशुविधनयचित्तिविरचयिमुण्डेः समूजितः सुरवरैरपि  
मोदकाद्यैः । सर्वेषु य प्रथममेव सुरेष पूजयो विद्नं  
ममापहरसिद्धिविनाय त्वम् ॥४॥

Being afraid of the obstacles coming in the way of their works, deities like Brahmaji have always performed Your poojan through sweet balls which are very dear to You. (4)

शीघ्रांचलनस्थलन  
युंगुर्वोर्दकाइकस्थूलोन्दुःक्रवणासितदेवसंघः ।  
शूर्पश्चितश्चपृथुवर्तुलतुंगतुन्दो विद्न  
समापहरसिद्धिविनाय त्वम् ॥५॥

You inspire your vehicle Mushakraj – Rat to run again who has fallen due to habit of hasty walk in order to remove the obstacles of the devotees; and so all the deities are pleased very much. Everybody laughs looking at your huge ears and beautiful belly. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (5)

यज्ञोपवितपदलसिमतनागराजे  
मासादिपुण्यदक्षीकृताशक्तराजः । भक्ताभयप्रद  
दयालय विघ्नराजो विम ममापहरसिद्धिविनाय  
त्वम् ॥६॥

You have worn Sakshat Naag in stead of pious Yagnopavit and You do good to all those people who perform divine Darshan of Chandra on the pious day of Bhadarva Sud-04 Chaturthi. You make them fearless as You are an ocean of mercy. You are the king of all obstacles. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (6)

सलसारततिराज सत्करीटः कोमुशमयाऽवसनद्रय  
उर्जितश्रीः । सर्वगमंगलकरस्मरणप्रतापो विम  
समापहरसिद्धिविनाय त्वम् ॥७॥

You have worn a beautiful Mugat studded with precious and beautiful Ratnas and diamond of best type and kind. You have worn two clothes of Kasumbal (saffron) colour and your chanting and Naam-Smaran is always auspicious as such is Your importance. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (7)

देवान्तकाधसुरभीतसुरार्तिहर्ता विज्ञानबोधनवरेण  
तमोपहर्ता । आनन्दतिग्रिभुवनेशकुमारबन्धो विम  
ममापहरसिद्धिविनाय त्वम् ॥८॥

You make the deities free from the fear of the great demons and You remove the darkness of Agyan lying in all kings and the poor who seek Your shelter and You grant divine pleasure to the deities like Tribhuvanpati Brahma and You are brother of Kartikey. Hey Regulator of all Siddhis, please remove all obstacles coming in my life. (8)

# PRATISTHOTSAV OF

## BHEDIABET HANUMANJI MAHARAJ

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel (Ahmedabad)

The Indo-Pak war of the year 1971 would be written in golden letters in the history because the brave Indian soldiers defeated Pakistan and unfurled the flag of victory over many areas of the enemies. Many young soldiers sacrificed their lives for this motherland and upheld the Indian National Flag in honour and pride. The Indian army had captured the huge area of thousands of kilometers of the enemy country. But thereafter as per the Hindu culture, the enemies were let go and the leaders of that time, decided to return back the areas which was won by them in the war and asked the brave Indian soldiers to come back within the border of India.

Many soldiers were returning towards the Indian border while carrying their weapons, vehicles and other luggage. While passing through Jat-Talai Chowki, these soldiers heard a voice, "**Please carry me with you, carry me with you.**" Many soldiers heard this voice time and again and so looked around but there was nobody. However, they saw a small Deri of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj and the soldiers realized that, the voice coming from this idol image of Hanumanji Maharaj only. So these soldiers carried this idol image of Hanumanji Maharaj with them and that divine voice stopped suddenly. The leaders and soldiers were taken aback; they brought the idol image within the Indian border and after walking for three-four miles, the soldiers placed the idol image aside and sat there for a while to take rest.

This resting place is nothing else but Bhedia Bet situated at Kutch border. After some time, the army started their onward journey but to their surprise now this idol image did not move an inch. The whole Indian army was surprised. The leaders understood that, this is not merely an idol image but Shree Hanumanji Maharaj. Grasping the message and directions of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj, the soldiers placed a hedge and roof around the idol image, performed Vandan and they could not find anything in the desert for performing poojan of Hanumanji Maharaj and they resumed their onward journey.

This is the place which is Bhedia Bet border of Kutch. This is a very sensitive place of Indo-Pakistan border. There is a vast desert all around and there is nothing else except sand. There is no way to go anywhere and not a glass of water is available nearby. The drinking water is to be brought here in a tanker from Bhuj which is situated at a distance of 100 km from this place! Soldiers of our Indian army have been standing there alert protecting the boundary of our country holding arms and weapons in their hands round the clock. Whenever, any obstacle is faced by these soldiers, they pray Shree Hanumanji Maharaj to help them and their obstacles are removed invariably! In order to express their gratitude, these soldiers offer a bell to Shree Hanumanji Maharaj. There are umpteen number of bells there today witnessing this fact.

Recently, before some time Shri retired Acharya H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj – Mota Maharaj graced Bhuj for performing Darshan and at that time Mahant Swami and the trustees and Haribhaktas narrated the above history and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj expressed desire to visit the place. After obtaining permission of Military authorities and the Government and visited the above said place alongwith the saints and devotees and recalled the following words of Dada Shri Dharmdev :

દુઃખ પડે દોય દંચાતી તમે સમીરસુત સંભારજયો ।  
કુળદેવ એ આપણા, કરશે સંકટમાં સારજયો ॥

- (Bhakta Chintamani Prakarant-12 Kadi-4)

And also cherished Vachan given to Dharmdev by Chiranjivi Shree Hanumanji Maharaj :

આવી સ્વાનમાંહિ કહું એમરે,  
મને સંભાર્યો નહિ તમે કેમરે ।  
હવે દુઃખ તમારાં દંપતી રે,  
નહિ રહેવા દંડ એક રતિ રે ॥

- (Bhakta Chintamani Prakarant-14 Kadi-6)

Sakshat Hanumanji Maharaj inspired H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and said, "We intend to develop here a beautiful temple of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj with all the facilities." Habituated to remain always under the directions of Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj, Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple and other saints, Parshads and Trustees started the construction work of the temple immediately.

Developing a temple appeared always impossible at a place which is 110 km away from Bhuj, having no road to reach there, no facility of water, sensitive border and security issues and complete prohibition against photography. But noble Sankalp of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj is Murtimaan and when the blessings of saints are blended to it, Khat Muhurt of the temple was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on 06/05/2018 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Vijaybhai Rupani and other government officials, brave soldiers of the army and the presence of saints and Haribhaktas.

With the great efforts of saints, trustees and Haribhaktas, within the short time period of two years, work of a beautiful temple was completed. Besides huge water tank for drinking water, two rooms, Chabutaro etc. were also constructed. Considering the present geographical situation, this impossible looking task was accomplished in a very short time period and the reason for the same is strong Murtimaan Sankalp of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, blessings of Mahant and saints of Bhuj temple and visionary planning of the experienced trustees.

As per the tradition of Sampraday and while cherishing Shloka-62 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri', saint mandal and trustees requested H.H. Shri Acahrya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj to perform Pran Pratistha of idol image of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in this new temple and

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accordingly on 10/12/2019 Pratistha Mahotsav was fixed. H.H Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, saints and Haribhaktas came from Ahmedabad. From Bhuj temple, Mahant Swami and sains, Mahants, Parshads and trustees also came. Beautiful arrangement for carrying the devotees at the place of Pran Pratistha of the temple was made by the administrators of Bhuj temple. In the presence of the soldiers of Indian Army and amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras while performing Yagna in Nutan Mandir, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of Pratistha of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in Vedic tradition which was followed by divine aarti and Stuti-Aradhan of Kastbhanjandev and Prasad was distributed to all.

Sabha of saints and devotees organized on this pious occasion was addressed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. This Sabha was special with the presence of the brave Jawans of Indian army. The blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very innocent, heart-touching simple and full of emotions. It was also assured that, all efforts shall be made to remove the issue of scarcity of water as the people of India are always ready to help the soldiers of Indian army who have been protecting the borders of the country. Swaminarayan Sampradaya always cherishes interest of the nation at heart and out of these patriotic feelings, Pratistha of Shree Hanumanji

Maharaj has been performed with a view to grant divine protection to the Jawans of the Indian Forces in the region. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and devotee Jadavji Bhagat delivered their speeches in Hindi language.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj told in the blessings that, with the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the inspiration of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj, we have cherished the noble Sankalp of developing this temple and that Shree Hanumanji Maharaj would protect us and blessed the whole Sabha.

Parshad Shri Jadavji Bhagat of Bhuj temple hailed the Jawans of the Indian army and honoured them by offering them gifts and gave assurance that in future also any help which may be required would be given by them. On behalf of Jawans of BSF, the senior officials of the army honoured H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple and Parshad Jadavji Bhagat by offering them Khes and garlands and expressed their sense of gratitude.

Jawans who were present there expressed their feelings that now it would become easier to chant Shree Hanuman Chalisa at the place and they experienced:

રામદુરાચે તુમરખવારે,  
દોત ન આણા બિનુ થેસા રે ।  
સાબ સુખ લાણે તુમ્હારી સરના,  
તુમરક્ષક કાહુ કો ડરના ॥

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Important fact about this Pratistha Mahotsav is that, this temple developed at the cost of rupees about two and half crore rupees has been offered to the Jawans of army and the Government of India. Even Poojari would be from amongst the Jawans only. No interference of any type. Government of India has taken a note of this noble gesture of Sampradaya and the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi sent a message to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj individually and has praised this act of service of Sampradaya. And this noble feelings have been expressed well in this message.

Bhuj temple rendered beautiful services for this noble task and made all arrangements for food, water and commutation of thousands of people in this arid desert area. Elder saints remained present there at the place in large number and added beauty to this Mahotsav.

The programme was concluded with singing of the national anthem. All saints and

Haribhaktas expressed their feelings of nationalism with 'Bharat Mata Ki Jay' and the Jawans of the army became very emotional and they noted that such a feeling of patriotism is found very rare amongst the religious organizations. The elder saint Sadguru Shri Gopalanand Swami of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya had invoked the idol image of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj at Sarangpur; even Mahanubhavanand Swami had invoked the idol image of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj; Aadi Acharya Shree Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj has also invoked the idol image of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj at Kankaria in Ahmedabad and at many other places. Following the footsteps, H.H. Shri Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj also invoked the idol image of Bhedia Bet Hanumanji Maharaja at Kutch border. All devotees are requested to perform divine Darshan of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj at their convenience.

## BAL MANDAL SHIBIR OF AHMEDABAD DESH ORGANIZED BY SHREE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE, KALUPUR

It is to inform with great pleasure to the whole Satsang Samaj that, with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under the auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, a grand Bal Mandal Shibir is being organized of the whole Ahmedabad Desh by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. Parents and guardians of the children of the belonging to the following age-group are requested that their wards may participate in this Shibir.

Time : 19/01/2020 (Sunday)

Morning 9.00 hours to evening 5.00 hours

Age group : 10 to 20 years)

(Boys – Girls)

Place : Shree Narnarayandev Nagar  
Parasnagar, Bhuyangdev road,  
behind Petrol Pump, Ghatlodia,  
Ahmedabad.  
Contact : 9662040562, 9429067584

# STOP SINGING

- Chandrakant Mohanlal Pathak (Gandhinagar)

Once in Gadhpur Ghela Dhandhal came to Shreeji Maharaj, bowed down and asked Maharaj to perform Muhurt of Khan (cellar) prepared by him at his residence meant to store the grains like Juvar in it. Maharaj accepted the invitation and graced the house of Ghela Dhandhal. Nityanand Swami started narrating Katha. Meanwhile Rampratapbhai came there, bowed down from the distance and went away. Shreeji Maharaj thought that, elder brother appears to be going out to another village and so He sent a Sevak to inquire about. The Sevak returned and informed Maharaj that, he has gone towards the road of Ugamedi in the care of Dea Khachar. Maharaj immediately came to Darbar and asked Laduba, Jivauba and Dada Khachar as to which place Rampratapbhai has gone? All the three told Maharaj that they do not know anything. Maharaj came to Akshar Oradi and sat there; meanwhile Raghuvirji came and Maharaj asked him but he also did not know anything. Thereafter, Maharaj told that, in the distribution of Desh, He has received Ahmedabad Desh and so he has been cherishing the feeling that, he has received lesser portion and share and therefore he is unhappy. If you agree, half of Gadhda may be given to him. Raghuvirji was happy with this answer. Thereafter, Maharaj called Dada Khachar and asked him to be ready and told him that, we have to go and bring back Rampratapbhai. Thus, Maharaj, Dada Khacar and other five-seven persons got ready. Maharaj sent a message to Muktanand Swami through a Sevak that, they have stayed at Radhavav and so vehicle may be brought there. Muktanand Swami brought the cart at Radhavav and all of them went towards Ugamedi. They reached at the outskirts of the village and sent a Sevak in the

village to inquire. Sevak returned and told that, the meals are being prepared by Rampratapbhai.

Shreeji Maharaj asked all to stay there and wait for some time. After sometime, Rampratapbhai passed by the road. Swami took him in the cart and both of them returned to Darbar of Dada Khachar. Shreeji Maharaj and all others also returned to Darbar of Dada Khachar. Rampratapbhai went to his residence and Maharaj asked Nityanand Swami whether he inquired about the reason for his getting offended. Nityanand Swami replied Maharaj that, Rampratapbhai appeared very angry and so he could not ask him anything.

Next day in the morning at the sunrise time, saints came singing Bhajan. Maharaj asked Premanand Swami to inquire with Rampratapbhai as to why he was offended. Premanand Swami went to the elder brother and started singing in accompaniment of Sarod; Rampratapbhai also joined him. After stopping the singing of the song, the elder brother Rampratapbhai became very much happy with Premanand Swami and praised the beautiful singing.

At this time, Premanand Swami asked him the reason for his getting offended. Rampratapbhai told him that, last night when they were singing, Devo and Viro came and asked us to stop singing as Maharaj has not getting sleep. When this reason for his getting offended was conveyed to Maharaj, Maharaj smiled and rushed to the residence of Rampratapbhai immediately and asked him to Devo and Viro and clarify the things, as such a message to stop the singing was

never conveyed to them.

Both the brothers were called and Maharaj clarified everything in front of Rampratapbhai. Both these Devo and Viro begged pardon and told that, after the hard work of the whole day, both of them were so tired that, they could not sleep due to singing of the song by Rampratapbhai and so they had gone to Rampratapbhai and had asked him to stop the singing by telling a lie that this was the message from Maharaj.

Listening to this Rampratapbhai became very angry with both these brothers and asked Maharaj that, either he would stay in Gadhpur or these two Dev and Vira would stay in Gadhpur. Maharaj immediately asked both of them to leave Gadhpur and after some time conveyed the message through a Sevak that, they may not go too far and they may stay in Mandavdhar.

After two-three days, when Rampratapbhai was taking a bath in a

flowing stream of Ghela river at the outskirts of the village, he saw a person spoiling the clean water of the river. an idea struck to the mind of Rampratapbhai that, Devo and Viro would have also been spoilt due to Kusang and would have been cherishing ill-feeling towards me and would have been doing the acts of spoiling and everything has happened due to him.

So after taking bath, Rampratapbhai came to Darbar and asked him to call back Dev and Vira and told Maharaj that, he would accept meals only after both Dev and Vira are brought back. One Parshad went to Mandavdhar and brought back both of them. Rampratapbhai embraced them and became very much happy and also begged their pardon. Both Dev and Vira also begged pardon of Maharaj for telling a lie to the elder brother Rampratpbhai. On the same day, Deva and Vira got Thaal prepared from Brahmins and offered Thaal to Maharaj and elder brother Rampratapbhai.

## SUGGESTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF 'SHREE SWAMINARAYAN' MONTHLY MAGAZINE

It is ardently requested to all members of 'Shree Swaminarayan' monthly magazine that, they may and their Membership number, name and mobile number at the earliest and invariably in the office of 'Shree Swaminarayan' monthly magazine situated in Shree Narnarayandev temple premises, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Activities of the temple, details/ complaints of monthly magazine etc. would be received by you in your mobile.

You may also send your details through SMS or Whatsapp at the below mentioned mobile number of the temple.

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## SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

Adhipati of Akshardham incarnated as human being for Kalyan of all Jeev and observed all Dharmas of human being; tolerated cold, hot and rainy seasons like a common being. Even during the chilled cold of Magsar-Posh months, He used to perform Snan earli in the morning and used to narrate Katha-Varta.

Once saints had lighted Sagadi (fire in a clay-made utensil) for protection of Shreeji Maharaj against chilled cold. One devotee asked Shreeji Maharaj as to what Shree Hari would have been doing at this time in Akshardham? Shreeji Maharaj replied that, there also all were sitting in front of Sagadi for protection against the chilled cold. This devotee did not believe in these words as he believed that there cannot be any cold or hot season in Akshardham. Shreeji Maharaj understood this and granted the devotee Samadhi and sent him to Akshardham. There also the devotee saw Shree Hari was sitting in front of Sagadi for protection against the chilled cold. Now he started performed Stuti Shree Hari being convinced that there is no any difference between human incarnation of Shree Hari on earth and divine Form in Akshardham.

We are very much lucky that, we get divine Darshan of such a pious Sagadi in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum as was seen by that devotee in Akshardham. If we can get rid of any human Maayik Bhaav, we would perform divine Darshan.

Each and every thing of Prasadi of Shree Swaminarayan Museum is associated with Shreeji Maharaj in one or the other way and we get divine experience of Parmatma in each iota of such a thing. We feel serenity by entering into this divine premises due to Tapa-Sadhana and Tyag of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. So all haribhaktas and devotees may perform divine Darshan of this Sagadi of Prasadi invariably as we do not get such a chance time and again to see and perform divine Darshan of such a thing of Prasadi of Akshardham.

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel

**List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan-December-19**

01/12/2019	Akshar Nivasi Bhailalbhai Ishwarbhai Kothari through Kirtibhai and Alkeshbhai Kothari – Paldi. At 11.00 hours Niraj Piyushkumar Joshi – U.S.A.
08/12/2019	Jashiben Arvindbhai Patel, Vaduwala – U.S.A.
09/12/2019	Pooja Samir – Paldi.
18/12/2019	Varsha (Bhoomi) Govindbhai Patel – Chadasanawala at present Canada.
29/12/2019	Yamini Mihir Thakkar – Sydney (Australia). At 11.00 hours Ankit Vinodchandra Patel – Kapadwanjwala at present London.
31/12/2019	Malay Jayendrabhai Atmaram Patel – Dangarwala at present USA inspiration by Shastri Swami Nirgundasji.

**9<sup>th</sup> Varshik Sthapana Deen (Fagan Sud-3 Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev) will be celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on Wednesday 26/02/2020. Devotees intending to avail the benefit of sitting in Group Mahapooja may contact the office of Shree Swaminarayan Museum.**

**List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna-December-19**

Rs.1,25,000/-	Ashwinbhai Maganbhai Jagani – Satellite. On the occasion of marriage ceremony of Charvi – through Dr. Maganbhai Jagani.
Rs.18,000/-	N.H. Pradhanani – Mumbai. Rs.1500/- per month towards maintenance of Museum.
Rs.12,000/-	Jagdishbhai Kalidas Darji – Bopal. Rs.1000/- per month towards maintenance of Museum.
Rs.11,000/-	Patel Maganbhai – Dangarva.
Rs.11,000/-	Patel Arvindbhai Trikamlal – Karjisanwala – Nava Naroda. On the noble Sankalp of Abhishek in Museum
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.

# સત્સંગ બલવતીકા

SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

## NAAM RUPI NAAV

- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)

Naam Smaran of Bhagwan is wonderful and miraculous. And Naam Smaran of Bhagwan in this Kaliyuga is like Naav which helps cross this Ocean of Life. It has been stated in the scriptures:

કૃતે યત્ ધ્યાય તો વિષ્ણુ, ત્રેતાયામ् યજતો મખે ।  
દ્વાપરે પરિચર્યાયામ्, કલૌ કેશવ કિર્તનાત् ॥

That means, by performing Dhyan in Satyug for years together one may or may not get Bhagwan. In Treta Yuga by performing innumerable Yagnas one may or may not get Bhagwan. In Dwapar Yuga, acts of service were tools to obtain Bhagwan. But in Kaliyuga, Bhagwan has been very much merciful. Through Naam, Smaran and Sankirtan Bhagwan can be achieved very easily. Due to impact of such Naam Smaran great robber Valiya transformed himself into great Rishi Valmiki.

The work which cannot be done through Gyan becomes very easy through regular Naam-Smaran of Bhagwan. Goswami Tulsidasji Mharaj has stated about the power of Naam-Smaran of Bhagwan:

“નાહિ કલી કરમન ભગતિ બિલેકુ,  
રામનામચચલંબન અનું 。”

If one can perform Naam Smaran of Bhagwan great concentration, anything can be achieved. Let us understand this through this one example.

There was a beautiful clean village. Once the devotees of the village organized a Katha in the Ramji temple of this village. Kathakar Panditji came and Katha was started. On the other side of the river was situated another village. A lady of that village used to come to this village by crossing the river in a boat to sell the milk of their cattle. This was her daily routine.

She came to this village and at that time Katha-Varta was going on. Panditji was narrating Katha. This lady also sat to listen Katha. While narrating Katha, Panditji told that, name of Bhagwan is like a boat which helps us cross this Ocean of Life. This lady understood this example very subtly and easily. She thought if Naam Smaran of Bhagwan is so powerful as to enable us to cross our this human life, why to come to this village by paying money to the boatman!!!

And the lady started walking in the water of the river while chanting the name of Bhagwan while cherishing utmost faith in her heart. As a miracle, she was walking on the surface of the water and thereby she crossed the river.

Now while doing household work at home, she was chanting the name of Bhagwan and it became her habit. In some time, she started saving her money and due to impact of her Bhakti more milk started to be sold. That lady cherished a noble idea of offering the meals to that Panditraj who had been narrating Katha. She invited Panditji at her place. Panditji sat in a boat and crossed the river and she crossed the river while walking. Panditji was surprised to witness to this miracle. She brought him at her home and offered him the meals with utmost Bhakti and also offered Dakshina.

Panditji was confused as to how could that lady cross the river while walking!!! Later on Panditji realised that, those who listen Katha with utmost faith and Bhakti can do such miracles.

Young friends! This is amazing but we should understand that a divine power is generated in us by constantly chanting

name of Bhagwan and that Jeev can experience divine pleasure. It is not mandatory for one to sit with cross-legs for performing Naam Smaran. One can perform Naam Smaran even while walking and doing other works. Saints have also explained the importance of Naam Smaran:

“પાર ઉતાર્ય પરિશ્રમવિના,  
બેસી નામરૂપી નાવ,  
જે જને જાયા જુભથી,  
તે તરી જાય ભવ દરિયાવ.”

So those intend to ensure their emancipation in this life, they should perform Naam Smaran of Bhagwan and this is the easiest way through which one can easily cross this Ocean of Life.

## OBSTACLES AND WORRIES ARE NEVER GOING TO BE OVER IN LIFE

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Why don't you come to temple regularly? We are helpless as we do not get anytime due to our occupation and duties and other obligations. Then when would Bhajan-Bhakti of Bhagwan and Sewa-Satsang would be performed which are essential for Kalyan of Atma? We would perform Bhajan and Bhakti once all these things are over and when we would become free.

Noble man! There would never be an end to any of these worldly activities and there would not be an end to the responsibilities either which would never get exhausted even upto the last moment of life. While talking with you in this way, I got reminded of one thing. You read it and then think over it and then tell me when do you want to start Bhajan and Bhakti?

ASheth was residing in a small city. He was an expert businessman and his name and fame was spread in the whole country. Besides a reputed businessman he was also famous as good gentleman who used to offer Daan Dakshina. Not only the common people but even the statesmen would also praise him. It was a time, when a group of animals equipped with tools to

carry luggage was in vogue for carrying on the business. This Sheth had also his group of animals which used to roam around the whole country at various cities and kingdoms and so this Sheth had all information about every place and corner of the whole country. Once he received the news that, there was drought in the region of his friend-king and the subject of his kingdom was suffering a lot. This Sheth got prepared a group of animals loaded with all useful things required for survival and asked his men to send these essential commodities to the place of his friend-king. As a part of the difficulty, the group had to pass through the kingdom of an enemy king and therefore this Sheth had given strict instructions to the whole group not to sleep anywhere on the way. The whole group kept on walking the whole day and night and the persons were so much exhausted for want of sleep and rest that they were angry upon their Sheth.

This story was reminded because many people are found saying that, they would perform Bhajan and Bhakti of Bhagwan at ease when they would become free from their liabilities and responsibilities. But the nature of all these responsibilities and liabilities is such that, they keep on coming one by one and they generate other obligations and responsibilities.

So keeping this fact in mind, one should take out time for Bhakti of Bhagwan from his busy schedule and should perform Bhakti and Bhajan. Such persons are known as intelligent and prudent in the scriptures. We wait for the time, but the time does not wait for anybody nor does it have any mercy upon us. So by adjusting our responsibilities, we should perform Bhakti-Bhajan, sewa-Saint-Samagam and Punya Karma.

So brothers! Just shake off your laziness and adjust your activities and allocate some time from your busy schedule for Bhajan and Bhakti of Bhagwan then you will obtain pleasure of Bhagwan.

# ॥ सद्भितसुधा ॥

BHAKTI-SUDHA

**'LET US BECOME STUDENT OF VACHANAMRIT AND TRY TO LIVE LIFE ACCORDINGLY' FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA (ON OCCASION OF VACHANAMRIT UTSAV SABHA IN KALUPUR TEMPLE HAVELI)**

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Vachanamrit means words of Maharaj and it is also known as 'Paravaani'. There cannot be any other scripture which is comparable to 'Vachanamrit'. The essence of all the religious scriptures of this world which lead us towards Moksha is very well contained in this 'Vachanamrit' and therefore '**Vachanamrit is a supreme scripture**'. In Vachanamrit there are common question and there are also difficult questions related to Philosophy. Gyan about Atma-Parmatma is also included in it. When any question related to spirituality is raised, its answer can be found from 'Vachanamrit'. The Vedas have been heard by Rishis and Munis in their state of Samadhi at the time of the creation of the Vedas whereas Vachanamrit has been narrated by Bhagwan Himself and heard by the Nand saints. Maharaj used to perform Vicharan and at that time sermons were being preached by Maharaj to the group of devotees and these sermons were being written by the saints immediately thereafter. Many times a questionnaire would be held at the time of Satsang and curious devotees would ask

questions and would open up their mind and heart and their questions would be answered by Maharaj. This explanation may look like repetition as Maharaj would explain each and every devotee as per their level of understanding. So all these dictations which were noted down by the saints were compiled in **a granth of 273 Vachanamrit** after research upon it by five great saints viz. Sadguru Shri Gopalanand Swami, Sadguru Shri Muktanand Swami, Sadguru Shri Brahmanand Swami, Sadguru Shri Nityanand Swami and Sadguru Shri Shukanand Swami. Among them Sadguru Shri Gopalanand Swami was a great philosopher and a very learned person. Sadguru Shri Muktanand Swami was bestowed with Premlakshna Bhakti and to understand him one has to read and listen and understand his poems. Sadguru Shri Brahmanand Swami was a very good Shighra-Kavi and was also a friend of Bhagwan. Even prior to meeting with Bhagwan Brahmanand Swami was awarded as 'Shatavdhani and Sahastravdhani' by the kings and emperors of that time. Shatavdhani means, 100 learned expert persons of different fields would ask questions related to their field and expertise and Sadguru Shri Brahmanand Swami would answer these questions. Similarly Sahastravdhani means, 1000 experts would ask questions and they would be answered by Sadguru Shri Brahmanand Swami. Sadguru Shri Nityanand Swami was a great scholar of

Sanskrit language and he was capable of making Shighra Shloka in Sanskrit and he was a learned man of scriptures. Sadguru Shri Shukanand Muni was capable of knowing desire and wish of Bhagwan and immediately and he used to write letters as may be dictated by Bhagwan. All these great saints compiled and prepared this 'Vachnamrit' and Maharaj was very much pleased to see this. So being very much pleased, Bhagwan has given Vachan that even if a single Vachanamrit is imbibed by anybody in his life, he would taken to Akshardham. So in order to obtain the blessings of Bhagwan one has to continue regular reading of Vachanamrit and should try to understand it. And for that one has to make efforts. To become a special Bhakta, one has to divert his mind from the worldly affairs and one has to associate his mind with Bhagwan, one has to work hard. Our goal is certain to reach upto Bhagwan and we have got a number of options with us. So we have to select one of these options; we have to take a decision. We set an alarm in order to wake up early in the morning and the moment alarm rings, we wake up. But then there is an option with us. To sleep again or to come out of our bed. Similarly in our life, we get so many options. But we have to decide. Sometimes we come across some difficult time but we have to face them bravely. We should not make complaint in front of Bhagwan. Because the path has been chosen by us only from the options available with us and accordingly we get the result. If we would remain under the directions of Bhagwan, everything would be fine in the end.

Sometimes, during the difficult times, faith of a devotee is shaken. But this is spiritual test or examination. This

examination of life is much more difficult than any school examination. So if we would remain under the directions of Bhagwan, if we would be reading the scriptures regularly, then there is no reason for being afraid of. We should not cherish any negative thoughts. We should think that, we are progressing and advancing in our spiritual journey and these tests are meant to test our firm faith and solidarity with Bhagwan. This examination is meant for our next promotion. Our life is a long journey to reach upto Bhagwan. So let us become a student of Vachanamrit in this life and try to lead our life accordingly. Let us try to live life as per the directions of Shreeji Maharaj as far as possible and we have to keep in mind that, Shreeji Maharaj has given the directions in 'Vachanamrit' to the devotees to keep an idol image of Shree Narnarayandev in Pooja. Why? Because Shree Narnarayandev is Raja of Bharatkhand. If there is no idol image of Shree Narnarayandev in our Pooja, it is like our meals without salt into it. Without salt, the meals would not be tasty. These directions of Shreeji Maharaj applicable to all human beings. We are very much lucky that, we are performing Satsang in this pious place which is in fact a Palace of Shree Narnarayandev. Therefore, this Utsav is being celebrated here and nowhere else. So what else can be a matter of better luck for all of us! We have always to think that, we have received our Bhagwan so easily in our life and so we should cherish ardent faith and Bhakti towards our Bhagwan; this will ensure not only our progress in our life but also will fulfil our wishes. It is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shreeji Maharaj that, Shree Narnarayandev may fulfil the wishes and desires of all the devotees.

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### Dhanur Maas Dhoon Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan Mahamantra Dhoon has been started in our Kalupur temple in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the morning from 5.30 to 6.30 hours which will continue till 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020. More than 5000 devotees and Haribhaktas had rendered their services as host of Dainik Dhoon and at about 4000 devotees rendered their services as host of Maasik Dhoon who were offered beautiful and divine gifts. Thousands of devotees woke up early in the chilled cold of winter morning and performed bhakti and Dhoon of Bhagwan. During the whole month, beautiful arrangements were made by Kothari J.K. Swami, J.P. Swami, Yogi Swami, Bhakti Swami, Kothar Staff, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Saint-Parshad Mandal and many other devotees rendered their inspirational services. (Shastri Narayanmundasji)

### Vachanamrit Gyan Varsha Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, from 12/12/2019 to 15/12/2019 Vachanamrit Gyan Varsha Mahotsav was celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23) on the occasion of Vachanamrit Shatabdi Varsh.

On Thursday 12/12/2019, Shree Hari Vishnu Yaag and Vachanamrit Mahapoojan was organized. This Mangal Mahotsav continued for four days wherein 'Vachanamrit Katha Prasang', Gyan Varsha Nagaryatra, Mahabhishek, Mahanirajan, Vachanamrit questionnaire, Bhakti Sammelan of ladies devotees, Vachanamrit Abhishek, Vachanamrit Swadhyay Yagna, Samapan Sankalp etc. programmes were organized.

In the morning on Saturday 14/12/2019 Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj graced this occasion and blessed all the devotees. A book entitled 'Shree Hari Charitra Katha' written by Shastri Swami Harikeshvaddasji was released by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on this pious occasion. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had praised the satsang activities being carried out by Swamiji.

On this occasion of Vachanamrit Gyan Varsha Mahotsav, our temple had distributed the stationery items such as text-bboks, notebooks, pens, pencil etc. to about three thousand students, distribution of fruits to about one thousand and two hundred patients, honouring about three hundred and fifty class-4 employees of Gandhinagar Mahnagarpalika, contribution for Vachanamrit Granth being published by our Kalupur temple, free eye-check up camp etc. were organized throughout the year whose special note was taken by the print media.

On this occasion, saints from various places had arrived and thousands of devotees had availed the benefit of this Mahotsav. Many devotees from foreign countries had also arrived to participate in this Mahotsav. (Narayan V. Jani – Gandhinagar)

### Shree Hari Pratistha Mahotsav, Vadu

Village Vadu of Kadi taluka is leading in Satsang all over the world since the time Shree Hari graced the village. With the support of the devotees of the village who have now settled in foreign countries and

with the directions of Shree Narnarayadnev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrapasadji Maharaj and ith the inspiration and guidance of Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Nutan Shree Swaminarayan temple of ladies devotees at Vadu was constructed within a short span of just ten months. Its Shree Hari Pran Pratistha Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 29/11/2019 to 03/12/2019.

In the evening at 4.00 hours on 28/11/2019, Pothiyatra was organized wherein on behalf of the chief host of Parayan Akshar Nivasi Shashiben Narayambhai Amthidas Patel devotee Taraben Vinodbhai Patel and Ritaben Kishanbhai Patel (America) participated and reached at Katha Mandap at 6.00 hours. Thereafter on 29/11/2019 Shriam Satsangibhushan Kath was started in themorning at 9.00 horus wherein Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of AHmedabad temple and Mahant shastri Swami Naryavallabhdasji of Vadnagar temple and Sadguru Mahant Sghastri Swami Pusushottamprakaashdasji (Gandhiangar) and the host devotee family performed poojan of th spokesperson of Katha. Amongsg the spokespersons of five days, Sadguru Shastri Swami Devswaroopdasji (Mahant of Mansa temple), Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji (Asarwa Gurukul), Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar), Sadguru Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Hathijan Gurukul) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji (Vadnagar) had narrated Katha.

On this occasion, 11 Samhita Path was performed by saints and reading of Vachanamrit Granth was performed on the occasion of Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav. On 03/12/2019 H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj graced the occasion and performed the ritual of Murti Pran Pratistha of Thakorji in Nutan Shree Swaminarayan temple in Vedic tradition. Thereafter Annakut aarti was

performed in Shree Swaminarayan temple of haribhaktas on the occasion of 20<sup>th</sup> Patotsav and concluding ritual of Yagna was performed. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had graced this occasion and had performed aarti of Thakorji and blessed all the ladies devotees. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. In the Sabha Akshar Nivasi Revaben Ambalal Nandas Patel family performed poojan, archan and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitinbha Patel had remained present on this occasion. This Pran Pratistha Mahotsav of Nutan Hari-mandir became memorable for all the devotees of the village. (Kothari, Vadu temple)

## Shatabdi (100<sup>th</sup>) Patotsav Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sher

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and Mahapratapi Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (P.P. Swami) of Jetalpurdham, grand Shatabdi Patotsav Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple of village Sher (Tal. Mandal) was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

A k s h a r N i v a s i S a d g u r u Krishnakeshavdasji Swami had got constructed this temple in village Sher. Upon completion of 100 years, renovation work of the temple was undertaken and completed and colour-work of the temple was also completed. Accordingly 100 hour AKhand Dhoon was organized from 29/11/2019 to 03/12/2019. With the support of all the devotees and villagers of the village, from 11/12/2019 to 15/12/2019 Panchdinatmak Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji as the spokesperson. During this Utsav, grand Annakut of dry fruits, fruits and sweets was offered to Thakorji. Grand Vishnu Yaag was organized for three days. H.H. Shri Acharya

Maharaj had graced this occasion and had performed aarti of Thakorji and had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji had narrated talks about ancient history of the temple. Saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from many places had arrived on this occasion. (Mahant K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

## Shrimad Satsangibhusan Parayan in Jetalpurdham

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and Mahapratapi Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the guidance of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji Swami of Jetalpur temple and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji Swami (P.P. Swami), 24<sup>th</sup> Parayan was organized in Sabha Mandap of Prasadi in Jetalpurdham got constructed by sadguru Shri Anandanand Swami. Devotee Shri Karshanbhai Manjibhia Jirani (Gandhidhamk – Kachchh) rendered the services as the host devotee of this Parayan.

From 14/12/2019 to 18/12/2019 Shrimad Satsangibhushan Granth Panchanh Parayan was organized with Shastri Dharmnandandasji Swami who had narrated importance of Jetalpurdham and Leela of Bhagwan Shree Hari. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion and had blessed the host devotee family. (Mahant K.P. Swami – Jetalpurdham)

## Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (Panchavati)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 2<sup>nd</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Gopinathji Harikrishna Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (Panchavati) was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Tridinatmak Vidurniti Katha was organized with Sadguru Mahant Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji as the spokesperson.

On 04/12/2019 in the morning at 7.00 hours H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishk – Annakut Aarti of Thakorji in Vedic tradition and thereafter graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. The host devotee family performed poojan-archan and aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On his occasion, saints from Ahmedabad, ANjali, Kalol, Isand and Gadhpur had arrived. In the whole arrangement Sadguru Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji, Sadguru Swami Anandprasaddasji, Bhaktiprasad Swami and Parshad Narrotam Bhagat etc. had made beautiful arrangement for Annakut and Prasad for the saints and Haribhaktas. Mahant Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of Anjali temple had delivered beautiful lecture. Thousands of Haribhaktas had performed Dev-Darshan, Dharmkul-Darshan, Kath-Varta and had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Hitesh Mineshbhai Patel – Panchvati)

## Vachanamrit Utsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gomtipur (Ahmedabad)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, on 08/12/2019 in the morning from 8.00 to 10.30 hours Haribhaktas performed reading of Vachanamrit Granth in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gomtipur on the occasion of Shree Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav. Shreejiswaroop Swami had narrated Vachanamrit Katha to all the devotees. During the pious Dhanur Maas, all the devotees had performed Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon early in the morning at 5.30 hours during the whole Month. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Gomtipur)

## Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balasinor

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, on 30/11/2019 all

devotees and Haribhaktas had performed poojan, archan and aarti of Vachamarit Granth in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balasinor on the occasion of Shree Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Jayanti. In the evening at 7.45 hours concluding aarti of Katha was performed. (Madhukar K. Trivedi – Balasinor)

## Shree Vachanamrit Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat on the occasion of Rajat Jayanti

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 beautiful arrangement by Mahant Shastri swami Divvaprakashdasji and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Shree Vachanamrit (273) Ratriya Saptah Parayan was organized from 15/12/2019 to 21/12/2019 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat. Sadguru Shastri Swami Shri Nirgndasji (Aasarva Gurukul), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Naranpura), Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Naranpura), Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Kankaria), Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Approach), Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Aadraj) etc. saints had narrated divine Katha of Vachanamrit Granth.

On the occasion of Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav of Naranghat temple about 25 religious and social programmes were organized. In this Katha Parayan, many devotees availed the benefit of rendering services as the host devotees. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced this occasion and had blessed all the ladies devotees. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur) and Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) had been source of inspiration and guidance for this occasion.

Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Gopaljivandasji (Prantij). All the devotees were offered Bhojan-prasad. (Kothari Balswaroopdas)

## MULI DESH

### Grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli

With the blessings of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Mulidham and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Sadguru Swami Shyamsundardasji of Muli temple, grand Shakotsav was celebrated on 21/12/2019 at Gyan Wav of Prasadi situated near our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli.

On this occasion, many devotees rendered their beautiful services of various types in Shakotsav.

Katha about importance of Gyan-Wav was narrated by Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji. Saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees and thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas from various places had arrived on this occasion. During the whole programme, Sadguru Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji, Kothari Swami Harikrishnadasji, Kothari Vraj Swami and Parshad Bharat Bhagat had rendered their beautiful services. (Kothari Vraj Swami – Muli)

### Vachanamrit Katha-Parayan at village Memka

With the blessings of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Mulidham 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 Premjivandasji of Surendranagar temple, from 26/11/2019 to 30/11/2019 Vachanamrit Panchanh Parayan was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Memka with Shastri Swami Satsang sagardasji and Swami Tyagvallabhdasji as the spokespersons. Large number of devotees and Haribhaktas of the village availed the benefit of listening to this Katha. Thereafter grand Shakotsav was celebrated at Talavadi of Prasadi wherein saints from Muli and Surendranagar temples

had arrived. Sabha was conducted by Nityaprakash Swami. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

## 65<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ramgarh

With the blessings of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Mulidham and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Sadguru Premjivandasji of Surendranagar temple, 65<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ramgarh was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, from 02/12/2019 to 04/12/2019 Tridinatmak Katha of Vachanamrit Granth was organized with Swami Tyagvallabhdasji and Shastri Swami Satsangsagardasji as the spokespersons. On the pious day of Patotsav, beautiful Annakut was offered to Thakorji. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, saints of Muli and Surendranagar temples delivered their inspirational speeches. All the devotees of the village had rendered their beautiful services. Sabha was conducted by Swami Nityaprakashdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

## OVERSEAS SATSANG SAMACHAR

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Allentown (Vadtaldham)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of HH. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Dharmkisor Swami of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Allentown (Vadtaldham), Tulsi Vivah was celebrated in the pious Kartak Maas. Many devotees availed the benefit of rendering services as the host devotees of bride, bridegroom and maternal side of bridegroom. Swamiji had

narrated in detail the importance of Tulsi Vivah. President devotee Shri Bhikhhabhai Patel and his team had rendered beautiful services in the kitchen. Haribhaktas had performed divine Darshan. (Pravin Shah)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

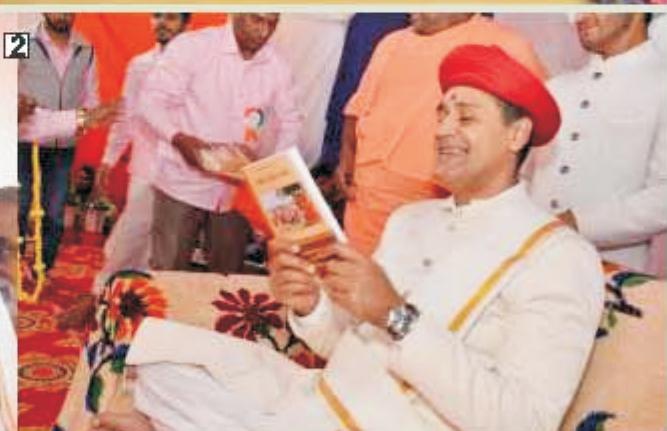
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### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Houston Texas

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of HH. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Suvrat Swami of the temple, grand Tulsi Vivah was celebrated by all the devotees in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Houston. In the afternoon, Bhudev had got performed the ritual of Vivah of Bhagwan and Tulsiji wherein many devotees availed the benefit of rendering services as the host devotees of bride, bridegroom and maternal side of bridegroom. In the evening grand Raas-Garba were performed. Swamiji had explained the importance of Tulsi Vivah. All the devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured on this occasion. At last Haribhaktas availed the benefit of divine Darshan and Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

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1. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji and granting blessings In the Sabha on the occasion of Shatabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sher (Tal. Mandal). 2. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj honouring Sadguru shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji and releasing a book on the occasion of Gyan-Varsha Mahotsav In our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sector-23. 3. Shakotsav ceremony being performed by Saints and Hari Bhakt at Kubadthal Mandir.



**1.** With the noble Sankalp of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the support of Bhuj temple, Pran Pratistha Mahotsav of newly constructed Hanumanji temple at Bhediyabat. **2.** With the invitation of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, B.S.F. Jawans performed Darshan of our Kalupur temple and visited our Shree Swaminarayan Museum alongwith their family members.