

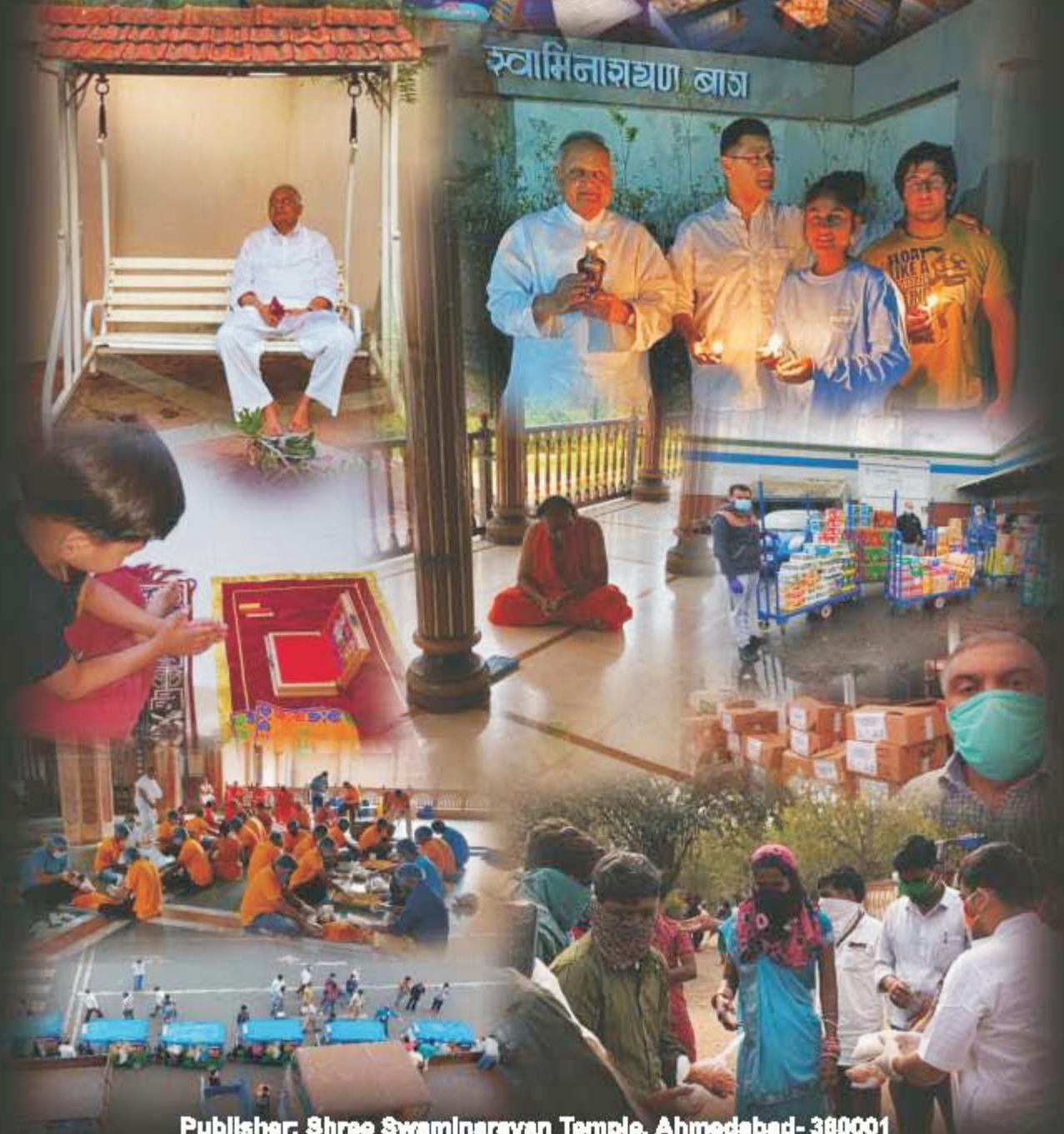
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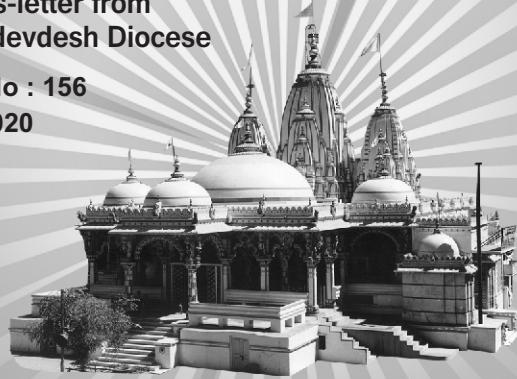


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अस्मद्विष्ट

In 'Vachanamrit' Shreeji Maharaj has talked about four types of Pralay and it is stated that, through it Parmeshwar maintains balance of the weight of the Earth. Whenever our Karm, action and behaviour of all us go against the rules, Adharm takes place as a result of Karm. And for destruction of such Dharma, Parmatma Himself incarnates and establishes such Path of Moksha which grants AtyantikMoksh to Jivatmas by protecting Ekantik Bhaktas. The pandemic which has spread all over the world during the present time is a symptom of one type of Pralay. During such a critical time, every devotee should behave as per the directions of 'Shiksha Patri' and in a way of protecting each other. In this connection, the directions and suggestions of the Government to wash our hands often, to maintain social distancing etc. have been stated by Shreeji Maharaj before two hundred years. उत्सवाहेषु नित्यं च कृष्णमन्दिरमागतैः । पुम्भः स्पृश्या न वनितास्त्र ताभिश्च पुरुषाः ॥ There may

be large Utsav or it may be going to temple everyday for performing divine Darshan of Bhagwan, we should not touch each other. Now this has to be scrupulously followed by each and every one because time of three months has passed of not going to the temple and not performing Darshan and the reason for that was the safety of all. So now when an opportunity comes to perform divine Darshan, let's follow all the rules and guidelines while perform divine Darshan so that there may not be any difficulty in our safety and the safety of others. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan may grant strength and Buddhi to all the devotees and Jay Shree Swaminarayan.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Nirgundasji

Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008

Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

(MARCH-2020)

- 17 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple (Nutan Mandir), Dhrangadhraon the occasion of Murti Pratistha.
- 16 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jetalpur on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 21 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kothamba (Panchmahal) on the occasion of Rajat Shatabdi Patotsav.

Note : Due to Corona Virus, all Samaiya- Patotsav, Parayan, Sabha, Grace of temples and houses of devotees have been suspended with effect from 22/03/2020.



Appointment of New Mahant Swami in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

It is to inform with great pleasure to the whole Satsang Samaj that, learned Kathakar of Sampradaya, Sadguru Shastri Swami Shri Nirgundasji Guru Sadguru Swami Narayansewadasji (Shree Sahajanand Gurukul, Asarwa) has been appointed as Mahant of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

List of new Mahant Swamis of our temples with dome

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura (Ahmedabad) : New Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Narnarayandasji (Mahant of Jetalpur) and learned Kathakar of Sampradaya Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Shri P.P. Swami) Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Narnarayandasji (Jetalpur).

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria- Rambaug : New Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddasji.

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mathura: New Mahant Swami Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Mahant of Jetalpur).

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ayodhya : New Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji Guru Sadguru Swami Devprasaddasji.

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli : New Mahant Swami Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Mahant of Makansar temple).

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kota (Rajasthan) : New Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji Guru Sadguru Swami Baldevprasaddasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmuidasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji.

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar (Uttarakhand) : New Mahant Swami Sadguru Swami Bhaktikishordasji Guru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji.

STUTIPARTHNA OF SHREE SWAMINARAYAN BHAGWAN

- Shastri Swami Nirgundasji
(Mahant Swami, Kalupur, Ahmedabad)



॥ मंगलाचरण ॥

स्वीये धाम्नि सदाऽक्षरे परतरेसंसेवितांघ्रिद्वये भक्तैर्ब्रह्माशरीरिभिर्यः उरुधा वेदान्तवेद्यः प्रभुः ॥
नैकाण्डोद्भवपालनादिकरपुंमायानियन्ता स्वराद् कारुण्याम्बुनिधिर्नमामितमहं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥१॥
त्वं साक्षात्पुरुषोत्तमोऽसि परमं ब्रह्माऽक्षरः श्रीकृष्णो हरिकृष्ण आदिपुरुषो धर्मात्मजः श्रीहरे: ॥
हे नारायण वासुदेव परमानंद प्रभो सत्यते मायाधीश बृहत्पुरस्थ नृतनो श्रीस्वामिनारायणः ॥२॥
योऽन्तः स्थित्वाऽऽत्मवर्गं नियमयति यतः सर्वकार्यस्य त्रिद्विः यश्चाराध्यः सप्तसौर्निंगमनिगदतैः कर्मभित्ततदात्मा ॥
त्रायन्ते श्रूयमाणः परमखनिलयो यः परंब्रह्म कृष्णो विश्वाविर्भावहे तुः स जयतु भगवान् स्वामिनारायणोऽयम् ॥३॥
श्रीमन्मंगल मूर्तिमार्तिशमनं मालां करे तौलसीं दक्षे सूक्ष्मवलक्ष्मसान्द्रवसनान्याबिभ्रतं सर्वदा ॥
चारुस्मैरमुखाम्बुजं लसदुः: श्रीवत्सलक्ष्मांकितं ध्याये भूषणभूषणांगमनिशं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥४॥
पातुं सद्भ्रम्ममार्गं निरतिशयदया पूर्णमानंदमूर्ति धर्माद्वक्तौ नृ मूर्त्याकलिकलुषहरं वीक्षणा ब्रह्मणोयम् ॥
धाम्नचास्यां प्रजातं भुविसम जनतातापहरं नमामि ह्यज्ञानध्वनतसूर्यं सुरनरसुनतं श्रीस्वामिनारायणं तम् ॥५॥
श्रीमत्स्वीयपदाब्जचिन्तनविधिं लोके स्वतो दुष्कं दृष्टुवाऽऽविष्कृतरम्य मूर्तिमखिलानुद्वारयन्तं श्रितान् ॥
मायावाद कुरुक्तं विभ्रमहरं श्रीमत् कृपावीक्षणातं ध्यायामि सदा जगहुरुमहं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥६॥
श्रीधार्मिः पुरुषोत्तमो गुणनिधिर्यो ब्रह्माशमे श्वरो मुक्तैर्जुष्टपदाम्बुजो वरतरैश्वर्यैरुपेतः प्रभुः ॥
अन्तर्याम्यखिलामनां भवहरः सर्वे श्राद्धीश्वरस्तं ध्यायाम्यवतारिणं मुनिपर्ति श्री स्वामिनारायणम् ॥७॥
नित्यं संरममाणमक्षरपदे ब्रह्मात्ममुक्तवज्जैः श्रीराधादिसमर्चितांघ्रिकमलं नैकाडनाथानतम् ॥
छन्दः शेषमहेशगीतयशासं योगीन्द्रहच्चनितं ध्यायामीष्टमहं मुदाऽखिलगुरुं श्री स्वामिनारायणम् ॥८॥
वेदाः स्तोतुं प्रवृत्ताः यदनवधिमहनंदमालक्ष्य दूरात् प्रत्यावर्तनं सर्गस्थितिलयमखिलस्यास्य येनामनन्ति ॥
स्थाने दिव्योऽक्षरे यो निवसति सततं नित्यमुक्तानुषक्तः सोऽयं कृष्णः कृपालः स्वयमवति निजान्स्वामिनारायणो नः ॥९॥
श्रीजुष्टे वटपत्तने नृपपथे भूपस्य हम्यागणे नागोन्द्रोपरिरुदमीडितपदं भूपेन भक्त्या भृशम् ॥
नानारलमणीन्द्रमौक्तिकलितं हेमोद्भवं भूषणं मूर्धाग्रे दधतं दधामि हृदि तं श्री स्वामिनारायणम् ॥१०॥
योऽसंख्येयमनोऽ दिव्यगुणयुक् सच्चित्पुखात्मा स्वरान्मुक्तव्रातसमर्चितांघ्रिकमलो राधारमाधीश्वरः ॥
वेदैर्मूर्तिधरैः स्तुतोऽक्षरपदे जुष्टोऽधिराजश्रिया तुष्यान्नः परमेश्वरोऽखिलगुरुः श्रीस्वामिनारायणः ॥११॥
यः साक्षात्प्रदगवान् क्षराक्षरपरः कृष्णः स एव स्वयं भक्तौ धर्मतः आस भूरिकृपया श्री स्वामिनारायणः ।
मानुष्ये भुवि नाट्यन्निजजनाचार्यत्वधर्मे स्थितः, कृष्णं प्राह परोक्षवन्नतु ततोऽन्यः सोऽस्ति यत्स स्वयम् ॥१२॥

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Parmatma has been addressed with innumerable names in our scriptures. Some of these names express divine qualities and some of the names are derived from Leela Charitra performed by Bhagwan and some of these names may have become popular and prevalent on the basis of tradition. Among them, Shadakshari Mahamantra Swaminarayan name has been popularized by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself on the basis of the tradition with a view to grant emancipation to all Jeev of this world. Since the time, this Mahamantra become siddha, five hundred Paramhansas have started performing PrarthnaStutiof Bhagwan Shree Hari with this name only. From them, words of Stuti have come out from the mouths of Nand saints; some of these shlokas are worth singing and performing Nitya Smaran..... Let us think about the meaning of such words.

स्त्रीये धार्मिन सदाऽक्षरे परतरेसंसेवितांश्चिद्देये
भक्तैर्द्विष्णवारीरिभिर्यः उद्दिधा वेदान्तवेदः प्रभुः ॥
मैकाऽप्तोऽन्तव्यपालनादिकरपुंमायानियन्ता स्वराट्
कारण्याभुनिधिनमाभितमहं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥१॥

Sadguru Shri Shukanand Muni who always remained in the services of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan as His writer has performing this Stuti of ShadaksharMahamantra which has been composed in Sanskrit language in ShardulVikriditChhanda . Hey Prabhu Shree Swaminarayan, I perform Pranam at your divine feet whose constant services are being performed by AksharMahamukta in Akshardham incessantly with utmost Bhakti and Shraddha. Because knowledge of your Satya Swaroop has emerged in their hearts; which is available only through Vedanta scriptures. This divine knowledge has been obtained with Your blessings that only You are there in this AnantkotiBrahmands. Through whom Utpatti, Sthiti and Laya of all Brahmands of the whole Universe happen. And only You regulate and control all these Brahmands. By being benevolent towards all Jeevs of this world, You adopt such Swaroop which is comprehensible to these Jeevs. You grant Darshan and Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is the same who grants divine Darshan to all in this Kaliyuga. (.....1)

त्वं साक्षात्पुरुषोत्तमोऽसि परमं भ्राताऽक्षरः श्रीकृष्णो
हरिकृष्णा आदिपुरुषो धर्माभिर्जः श्रीदेवः ॥
हे नारायण वासुदेव परमानन्द प्रभो सत्पते मायाधीश
बृहत्पुरुरथ नृतनो श्रीस्वामिनारायणः ॥२॥

Sadguru Nityanand Muni who has always cherished Sarvioari Swaroop of Shree Hari in his heart has also narrated Shadakshari Mahamantra Swaminarayan of Shree Hari. Let's try to understand its meaning. Hey Prabhu, my Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, You have been performing Vicharan while incarnating as human being and grant Your divine Darshan. You are

SakshatPurushttamnarayan, wchich Swaroop has been described as Param Brahma by the Vedas and Upanishads and Rishi Munis. It has been referred with the name Shree Krishna in Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapurana. You are Harikrishna also. You are the same Aadi Purush which has been described by the Vedas. You are the same Dharm-putra Rishi RoopNarnarayan. You are the same who has granted divine Darshan to Dhruvi while holding Shankha, Chakra, Gada and Padma in hands. You are the same who has granted moksha to the sinners like Ajamel who just uttered your name. You are the same Ishavasyamidam which has been described by the Upanishads as pervading in the whole world. You are Paramanand – Satya, Chit and Anand Swaroop. You are the Regulator Prabhu and AdhipatiNiyanta of Satpurush and Niyanta of Trigunatmika Maya and Adhipati Swami. You always remain stable in Akshardham. You grant Darshan as Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan while incarnating as human being. (.....2)

योऽन्तः स्थित्याऽकल्पवर्गं नियमयति यतः सर्वकार्यस्य

सिद्धिः यश्चाराद्यः समस्तेनिर्गमनिगदितेः

कर्मभिस्तततात्मा ॥

ग्राचन्ते श्रूयमाणाः परमधनिलयो यः परंब्रह्म कृष्णो

विश्वाविभविष्टेतुः स जयतु भगवान्

स्वामिनारायणोऽत्यम् ॥३॥

Message of Sarvajivhitavah given by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has been described by ParabrahmaParmatma Himself in the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. This Parawani was beyond comprehension by a common man of this world, great Acharyas have created Bhashyas (Commentaries) upon the Prasthantrayi in order to certify it among the learned persons from the point of view of the scriptures. The commentator has described as to how Shree is hailed by referring Vachan of innumerable scriptures wherein Stuti which has been created with the name Shadakshari Mahamantra Swaminarayan. Let's try to understand its meaning.

One who has been described as 'Antaryami of all' by all the scriptures is Parmeshwar remains stable in the heart of all living beings and regulates them. And all types of actions of Utpati, Sthiti and Lay of Jagat are completed. Karmas of Jeev are also done by them and all the Vedas and the scriptures and even Aagam and Nigam also ask to perform Aaradhana of the same type. All Jeev of the whole world perform aaradhan of Prabhu through Yagnas as prescribed by the scriptures. Whereas when atyantikPralay of the whole Brahmand happens only Parmatma remains and only His gunas are sung as has been described in the Vedas and the same Parabrahma is Parmeshwar Bhagwan Shree Krishna. Who is the cause of Utpati, Sthiti and

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Laya of Anantkoti Brahmand of the whole Universe and who is Karta of the whole universe. And everywhere people are hailing My Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in this Kalikaal. (.....3)

श्रीमन्मंगल मूर्तिमार्तिशमनं मातां करे तोलसीं दक्षे
सूक्ष्मवलक्षसान्द्रवसनान्याभिलक्षं सर्वदा ॥
चारस्त्रैरमुखामधुङ्गं लसदृशः श्रीवत्सलक्ष्मांकिं द्याये
भूषणाल्पुष्टांगमनिरां श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥४॥

This Shloka described as to Chintavan of which type of Murti should be performed in order to perform Dhyan of Anantkoti Brahmand Adhipati Sarvavatari Parabrahma Parmatma Purnapurushottam Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Let's try to understand its meaning. Very precious diamonds and pearls have been studded in the ornaments offered to Maharaj Who grants serenity and dispels fear from the hearts of all the devotees. Beautiful garlands shining among the snow-white clothes and with smiling face like a full-moon are adoring Shree Vatsa sign. Various types of ornaments are offered in a decorating manner. One should always perform Dhyan of Swaroop of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan at night. (.....4)

पातुं सख्ममार्गं निरतिशयदया पूर्णमानंदमूर्तिं
धर्मज्ञकर्तो नु मूर्त्यकिलक्षुष्टहं वीक्षणा भ्रष्टायम् ॥
धामन्यास्यां प्रजातं भूषिसमं जनतातापहं नमामि
हाङ्गानद्यान्तसूर्यं सुरनरसुनतं श्रीस्वामिनारायणं तम्
॥५॥

Sadguru Mahanubhavanand Swami describes in 'Shree HarikrishnaLeelamrit' how to perform Dandwat Pranam at the lotus-like feet of Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Hey Prabhu. You are the essence of all Daya and Karuna. in order to protect Jeev of this Jagat from Adharm Marg and to protect Bhagwat Satdharma, You are Anand Murti. You have incarnated as Nar Swaroop at the house of Bhaktidevi and Dharmrishi Hariprasad. So by removing all inner enemies like Kaam, Krodh, Lobh, Moh etc. from their hearts, You make them Param Bhagwat Bhakta and You look like Manushya to take them to divine Akshardham. You look like human being but You are parabrahma Parmeshwar Sakshat Brahma. You have incarnated here from Akshardham and you dispel all darkness just as the Sun dispels all darkness. Great Rithis and deities and Manushyas perform Shashtang Dandwat Pranam at Your lotus-like feet. Hey My Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, I also perform Namaskar and Vandan at Your divine feet. (.....5)

श्रीमत्स्वीयपदाद्जयिन्तनविदिं लोके स्वतो दुष्करं
दृष्टवाऽद्विष्टतरयं मूर्तिमधिलानुक्तारथ्यन्तं श्रितानां॥
मायापादं कुतकं विलम्बहं श्रीमत्कृपावीक्षणातं द्यायामि
सदा जगद्गुरुमहं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥६॥

Sato perform Chintavan of Swaroop of Jagatniyanta Jagatkarta Parabrahma Parmeshwar and to perform Chintan of sixteen signs of Shree-charan..... and this is very rare for the people of this world. Because it is impossible to imagine. And jeev of this world do not get release from Maya without performing Chintan of Parmeshwar. And without release from Maya, Atyantik Moksh cannot be received. Looking at all these difficulties, Parabrahma Parmatma has adopted this divine Swaroop and grants divine Darshan in the human form. And grants divine Darshan of such of His Swaroop which removes Maya and pride and grants appropriate form. You are the ocean of mercy and who grant divine knowledge to the whole world and You are the only Guru of the whole world. Ocean of Marcy You who grants divine knowledge and Guru of Jeev Matra of Jagat and My Sithaparmatma Bhagwant Shree Swaminarayan I perform Dhyan in my Antahkaran. (.....6)

श्रीधार्मिः पुरुषोत्तमो गुणनिधियो भ्रष्टायमेश्वरो
मुक्तेजूर्जपदाम्बुजो वरतरेश्वर्येऽप्तेः प्रलुः ॥
अन्तर्यामियजिलात्मनां भवदृशः सर्वेश्वराधीश्वरस्तं
द्यायाम्यवतारिणं मुनिपतिं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥७॥

Bhagwan ShreePurushottam is best among Anant Purush who grants Atyantik Moksh to Jeev of Sanatan Bhagwat Dharm and who grants emancipation. And therefore He is Purushottam and all the qualities are like the ocean. And in whose both CharanAksharmuktas remain always in service. All the best and great Aishwarya available in this world can be achieved only by rendering devout services at divine Charan. He is the Regulator and the Master of all. He resides in Antahkarn of innumerable Jeevs of Anantkoti Brahmand and regulates them and redeems them from the cycle of birth-death and rebirth. He is Adhishwar Niyanta Swami of all Ishwars. I perform Dhyan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Who is Upasya of five hundred Paramahamsas Munis. (.....7)

नित्यं संरममाणमक्षरपदे भ्रष्टात्ममुक्ताप्रज्ञे ॥
श्रीराधादिसमर्थितांधिकमलं लेकाएननाथानतम् ॥
छन्दः शेषमहेशगीतयशसं योगीन्द्रहित्यनितां
द्यायामीष्महं मुदाइभिलग्नं श्रीस्वामिनारायणम् ॥८॥

NityamuktaAnadimukta always remain engrossed in their place of Akshar Brahamatmak Aksharmukta. And the gropu of Mahamuktas who have achieved Brahma Stithi includes the main Shree Radha Rama etc and all of them perform Akhandsevan of His Charan Kamal and Adhipati of anantkoti worlds perform Naman, Vandan and Sashntang Namaskar in His Charan and the whole Vedas and other scriptures and the great poets and Rithis, Sheshnarayan Mahadev and deities performing singing of His

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Yash and Kirti. And Yogis who have achieves Ashtang Yoga always perform His Chintavan in their hearts, all of living and non-living beings also perform Vandan to Him. And I perform Dhyan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan with Paramanand in my heart. (.....8)

વેદાઃ સ્તોત્રું પ્રવૃત્તાઃ યદનવધિમહાનંદમાલક્ષ્ય દૂરાત्,
પ્રત્યાવર્તનત સર્ગાસ્તિથતિલયમભિલસ્યારય યેનામનન્તિ॥
સ્થાને દિવ્યોક્ષારે યો નિવસતિ સતતાં
નિતયમુક્તાનૃપક્તાઃ, સોઽચં કૃષણઃ કૃપાતુઃ સ્વયમવતિ
નિજાન્સયામિનારાયણો નઃ ॥૧॥

Aksharmurti Sadguru Shri Gopalanand Swami while performing Stuti-Prarthna of Anantkoti Brahmand Adhipati Parabrahma Parmatma Bhagwan Shree Purushottamnarayan by chanting His Shadakshari Mahamantra Shree Swaminarayan. Hey Prabhu even if all four Vedas Rigveda, Yajurveda, Samveda and Atharvveda make efforts to perform Your StutiPrarthna, then also it cannot be completed. And then it can only be thought that UtpatiSthiti and Pralayof this whole world happens from You only. And all the names by which You are addressed are Yours only. And You reside in Your divine Akshardham while accepting Akhand Nityamuktas and Aksharmuktas. You the same Parabrahma Parmatma Bhagwan Purushottam Narayan have incarnated in this Kalikaal and Markandey Mahamuni has adopted you the meaningful name of Shree Krishna. So You have bestowed blessings upon Your devotees and have given Your divine name Shadakshari Mahamantra Shree Swaminarayan. So please bless me also; Oh My Ishtadev. (.....9)

શ્રીજીન્દ્રાષ્ટ્ર વટપતને નૃપપથે ભૂપસ્ય હુમ્યાંગે
નાગેન્દ્રાપરિર્દ્રથમીડિતપદં ભૂપેન ભક્તયા ભૂશમ્ ||
નાનારણમણીન્દ્રમોક્તિકલિં હેમોન્દ્રવં ભૂષણં મૂધાંગે
દધાં દધાભિ હદિ તં શ્રીસ્વામિનારાયણમ् ॥૧૦॥

While Shree Hari was performing Vicharan upon this Prithvi while incarnating as human being and during his grace of various villages and cities, devotees of those villages or cities would ardently invite Him. Following the same method, Maharaja Sayarirao Gaiekwar of Vadodara invites Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan to his city of Vadodara and the divine Darshan of Bhagwan performed by the devotees and the residents of the city is described here in this Shloka. Let's try to understand its meaning. Where Laxmiji has been residing in the city with beautiful decorations and the wealth teeming out and is never going to quit the city. On the main road of such a royal and rich city of Vadodara, Shree Hari has been sitting in Ambadi upon an elephant and the king has been performing pooja with ardent

Bhakti and various types of precious diamond studded ornaments and jewels are offered and requests to accept and wear them. I cherish in my heart such Swaroop-Murti of my Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. (.....10)

યોડસંખ્યેયમનોજા દિવ્યગુણાયુક્ત સચિયત્સુખાત્મા
સ્વરાન્મુક્તતવાતસમર્થિતાંધિકમલો રાધારમાધીશ્વર: ॥
વેદોમૂર્તિધરે: સ્તુતોક્ષરપદે જીષોડદિરાજશ્રિયા
તુષ્ણાનઃ પરમેશ્વરોડભિલગૃહ: શ્રીસ્વામિનારાયણઃ ॥૧૧॥

Description is made in this Stuti-Shloka so that Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is pleased. In Swaroop of Parabrahma Parmatma are innumerable divine qualities which I cannot imagine. Which is always Satchidanand Swaroop that means it is Satya Swaroop, Chaitanya Swaroop and Anand Swaroop as it is being described by Shruti of the Vedas. Group of Aksharmuktas also performs pooja-archana of charan-kamal of this Swaroop with divine things and One who is Adhipati of Radhaji and Laxmiji is Ishwar and to perform whose Stuti all four Vedas perform Archana of Jugal Charan of Adhipati of Akshardham. Parmeshwar Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is sitting on the seat of Guru of JeevMatra of all Brahmands. I perform StutiPrarthna so that this Prabhu is pleased with me. (.....11)

યઃ સાક્ષાદ્ભગવાન ક્ષારાક્ષરપર: કૃષણઃ સ એવ સ્વયં
ભક્તો ધર્મતઃ આસ ભૂરિકૃપાયા શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણઃ ॥
માનુષે લુણ નાટ્યશિજજનાચાર્યત્વધર્મે સ્થિતઃ કૃષણઃ
પ્રાહ પરોક્ષવિશ્રતુ તતો અન્યાઃ સો અસ્તિ યત્સ
સ્વયમ્ ॥૧૨॥

Adhipati of Anantkoti Brahmand Parabrahma Parmatma Shree Krishna Purushottamnarayan is sitting in His divine Akshardham and even Aksharmuktas cannot understand Him completely. This Puruna Purushottam Bhagwan had incarnated as human being at the house of Dharmdev Hariprasad and Bhaktidevi Premvati. And whose name Shree Swaminarayan became popular in this world. While performing Vichanr upon this Prithvi as human being, Sakshat Shree Krishna Purushottamnarayan has established and developed Udddhav Sampradaya which became popular as Swaminarayan Sampradaya. And in order to protect His devotees and Bhaktas and their Dharma and in order to help them get Moksha, He established Seat of Acharya in His own family in Dharmvansh and stated that Dharmvanshi Acharya is My other Swaroop and thereby He himself is always present in front of His devotees. But one which is never Paroksh, such a Siddhant of Pragat Upasana is established. (.....12)

TIRTH, KSHETRA AND DHAAM

Importance of Tirth, Kehstra and Dhaam has been narrated in the Scriptures of our Sanatan Hindu Dharma. Generally it is the understanding o the people that, Tirth, Kshetra and Dhaam – all are one and the same. But upon details study of the scriptures we find that, certain paces are known as Tirth, certain places are known as Kshetra and certain places are known as Dhaam.

There is a Katha in Dashm Skanda of Shrimad Bhagwat. Shree Balramji went for Tirth-yatra (pilgrimage) and he went to Rishabh (Rubhkut) mountain which is Kshetra of Shree Hari. Thereafter he went to Gokarna (place of Malbar of South India) which is Kshetra of Shivji. Thereafter he performed Snan in Manu Tirth and went ahead. From this narration, one thing becomes clear that, the place where B h u m i (l a n d) is prominent is known as Kshetra and where Jal (water) is prominent is known as Tirth. And where Pratima of Bhagwan(temple) is prominent is known as Dhaam.

The pious place which is associated with the importance of the river or lake having pious water in it i s described

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdham)

as 'Tirth'. Importance of Tirth is narrated in great details in the scriptures like Skanda Puran, Padma Puran, Shiv Puran and Mahabharat. Simultaneously Mahafal (prominent result) of Tirthyatra (pilgrimage) is also stated. There are innumerable Tirths in the whole of Bharatkhand. But in it sixty eight Tirthsare considered as main Tirths. Sadguru Shri Muktanand Swami has written this Kadi while creating aarti of our Sampradaya:

“અડસાઠ તીરથ ચરણે, કોટી ગચ્છા કાશી.”

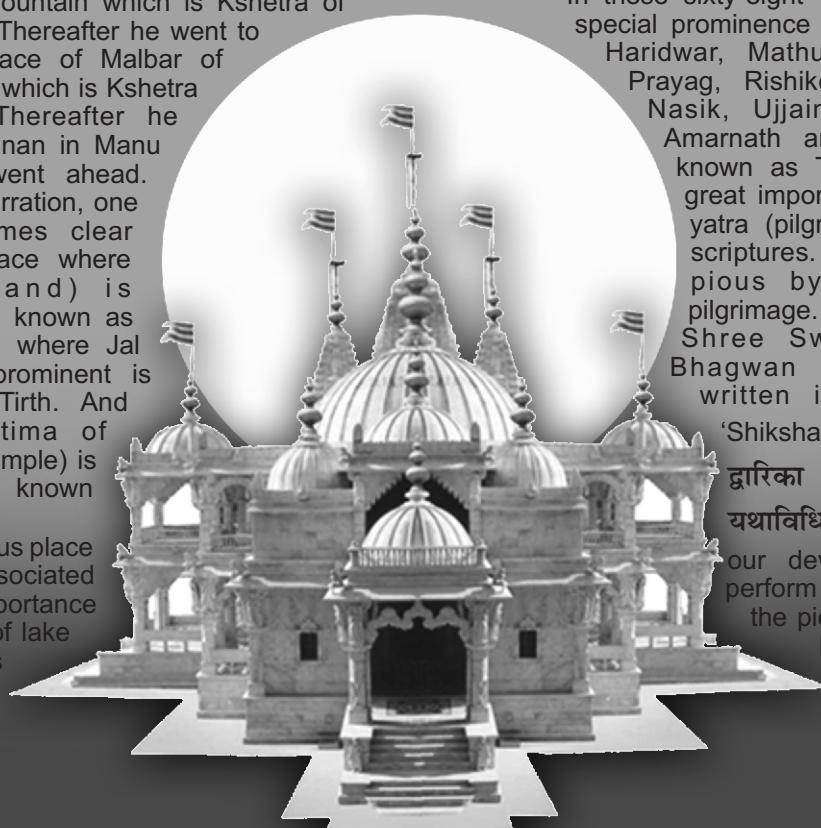
In these sixty-eight Tirths, we find special prominence of Jal (water).

Haridwar, Mathura, Ayodhya, Prayag, Rishikesh, Dwarika, Nasik, Ujjain, Muktinath, Amarnath and Gaya are known as Tirth.

There is great importance of Tirthyatra (pilgrimage) in our scriptures. We become pious by performing pilgrimage. Therefore only, Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan Himself has written in the pious

‘Shiksha Patri’ : “કર્તવ્યા દ્વારિકા મુખ્ય તીર્થયાત્રા યથાવિધિ”. Means all our devotees should perform pilgrimage to the pious places like Dwarika as per t h e i r capacity.

A place is known as



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Kshetra wherein there is special prominence of Bhumi (land) and by visiting such places instabilities of our Indriyas and Antahkarans are subsided. And our Vrutti is returned from Vishayas.

In 7th Vachanamrit of Sarangpur Shreeji Maharaj has stated the same thing in respect of Naimisharanya. Naimisharanya Kshetra, Kuru Kshetra, Siddhpur Kshetra, Pushkar Kshetra, Shri Rang Kshetra are among famous Kshetras. In Shrimad Satsangibhushan Granth, Jetalpur has been described as 'Narayan Kshetra'. Kshetra has also been described by the word 'Aranya'. There are seven Aranya. Namisharanya, Champaranya, Dandakaranya, Dharmaranya, Kamyakaranya, Badrikaranya and Siddharanya.

A place is known as Dham where there is prominence of Swaroop (idol image) of Bhagwan, where Bhagwan Himself has been present in the form of idol images or Himself and where lacs of people get attracted to perform divine Darshan of these Swaroops. By performing divine Darshan of Swaroop o Bhagwan, Trividh Taap of the devotees are destroyed and they get divine happiness. Char Dham are famous in our Bharat Desh. In Uttar Bharat Badrinath Dham is especially famous where Sakshat Shree Narnarayand Bhagwan is present. In Purva Bharat Jagannath Dham is present also known as Dham of Purushottam. Shree Krishna Bhagwan Himself is present in the form of Jagannath alongwith brother Baldevji and sister Subhadraji. In Dakshin Bharat is situated Rameshwar Dham wherein Bhagwan Shree Ram has invoked in the idol image of Bhagwan Sadashiv and in Paschim Bharat is situated Dwarikadham wherein Bhagwan Dwarikadhish is present in the form of Shree Ranchhodrayji. Wherever the idol images o Bhagwan are present, these places are famous as Dham. In our Sanatan scriptures, seven cities (Sat Puris) are also known as Dham wherein there is prominence of Vishnu Bhagwan in three places and there is prominence o Shivji and in one place there is prominence of both. Ayodhya, Mathura and Dwarika are known for Vishnu Bhagwan, Haridwar, Kashi and Avantika (Ujjain) are known for Shivji and Vishnukanchi is known for both Vishnu Bhagwan and Shivji.

In our Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya,

Swaminarayan Bhagwan Himself has invoked the idol images and nine Dhams are famous which are Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Muli, Vadta, Jetalpur, Dholea, Dholka, Junagadh and Gadhadha and all these places have been described in the main scriptures of Sampradaya.

There are certain places where we find confluence of both Jal and Bhumi which are known as Tirth-Kshetra and they have been given great importance in Skanda Purana. This has also been written by Shreeji Maharaj in Vachanamrit :

अन्यक्षेत्रे कृतं पापं तीर्थक्षेत्रे विनश्यति ।

तीर्थक्षेत्रे कृतं पापं वज्रलेपे भविष्यति ॥

(Skanda Purana 2/5/17)

Sins committed at other places are burnt in Tirth-Kshetra but the sins committed at Tirth-Kshetra are like Vraj-lep which can never be destroyed.

The place where there are all the three things – Jal, Bhumi and Murti of Bhagwan – are unique and the most pious places on this earth. If pilgrimage of pious places is performed after understanding Vibhag of all the three, that pilgrimage is successful and one gets Anant Punya Fal.

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BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ

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On the occasion of Vachanamrit (273) Mahotsav on 26/02/2020 Sabha organized on the occasion of 198th Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev (Kalupur temple) :Shree Narnarayandev has been performing Tapa and We have been relishing sweets like sweet-balls. Elder saints are sitting at the backside. All these saints-Bhaktas who have been sitting here are sitting at the lotus-like feet of Maharaj. They have remained ardent devotees of Maharaj and they are beads of Mala of Maharaj. If somebody asks Maharaj as to whose Mala He has been chanting? What was the answer of Maharaj? Maharaj was addressing His devotees and saints by names only. It is important that, there is Sanidhya of Dev. When we touch our this head at lotus-like feet of Dev, we feel such divinity which cannot be explained in any words. Devotees of Kutch, Zalavad, North Gujarat, Panchmahal, Kathiawad have come here and devotees from Marwad have also come here.No need to narrate importance of Dev to them.It has been narrated by Maharaj Himself while standing upon the threshold of inner temple of Dev – “There is no any difference between Me and this Narnarayandev.” There is full point. There is no subtraction. Maharaj performed Raman and Leela Charitra upon this Bhumi, conducted Sabhas. And we are sitting at the pious place of Prasadi whereupon Bhajan, Katha-Varta and Utsavs are being organized for the last two hundred years. Who can be

luckier? So we should be proud and should remain vigilant not to allow any adverse effect upon our mind.

Swami just told about Kota temple. 80% of the work has been completed with your money only. I have issued the cheque and therefore I know. With the contribution of all of you, every drop contributes to fill up the lake. We do not have go elsewhere for this purpose. All facilities are developed through your money only. Haribhaktas is our real wealth. We have two unique places. One is Chhapaiya the birthplace of Maharaj and another is this (Ahmedabad Kalupur temple) where the foundation of our Sampradaya was placed. The Britishers have given some land in England to Catholics for a Church; and they have not given any land at any other place in the world. They gave us that land for the temple and they gave as much as was required. Parasnagar where our Utsav is going on at present, we have our land worth more than four hundred and seventy five crore. Some people tried to grab that land illegally but we got back that land. We did not let that land go away because it is the land of our forefathers (Swaminarayan Bhagwan). And our existence is due to Him, so isn't it our responsibility? Today we are happily celebrating our Utsav at that place. This is the beginning. There are our other lands, which will also be got back. We do not want to get anything illegally. But if somebody else has taken our land illegally, I believe in getting it back. We should not be afraid of anybody. The birthplace Chhapaiya was placed at the level of Tourism Department of India and not under Yatradham Vikas Board.

Yes they will develop roads, electricity etc. because people are paying tax and so such facilities should be made available. This is a reasonable demand. If there is no any selfish motive and if we are working hard then sometimes the result is completed before time due to blessings of Dev.

Place of Mahotsav (Parasnagar) : Waste Management Director, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Director of Central Workshop and officers of various Boards of Vatva, Bodakdev, Paldi, Isanpur, Sabarmati etc. were hailed. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj told that approach towards cleanliness comes under mainstream. In the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Maharaj has written a Shloka about cleanliness. Where to spit or where not to spit, where to throw garbage and where not to throw – if these things are understood by the people, work of the cleaning workers would become easier and this is the best work of humanity. If the qualities of humanity are preserved all other things will be done automatically. With the guidance and blessings of the saints and with the hard work and devout services of Haribhaktas and ladies devotees, who could not reach upto this Sabha Mandap and an army of our ladies devotees who can do in just one sabha which we would take ten sabha to complete — all of them deserve all praise for the grand success of this Mahotsav.

It is not an end with this Utsva. This is a new beginning. We could touch the original Siddhant somewhere. It has been my objective and not my preaching that, if you hold the roots the branches will grow automatically. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj has proved that time is very precious. Preparations were made in very short period of time. And Mahotsav was also Short & Sweet. This will be valued in the time to come. If meaning is achieved in very short without going too long, it is more important. We have got Bhagwan and it is the real pleasure and this pleasure has been experienced during this Utsav.

On the occasion of 15th Patotsav of Approach (Bapunagar) temple Date : 07/02/2020: Performed divine Darshan of Thakorji, availed the benefit of Abhishek, met all of you and it gave me pleasure. (One Haribhakta was clicking a photo with mobile and these words are used in connection with it) You may click the photo as now it has become legal and I do not say No. but I remember one thing. During the earlier times, Kashmir, Shimla, Mussoorie etc. places were visited and photos were taken with the help of camera. At that time the mobiles were not invented. When we returned, people asked which places were visited and we answered that let the photos come out of camera. So just keep in mind that, the photos do not remain inside the mobile. Hari has to be cherished in our heart and this labour is for this and all these temples have been developed for this only. This has to be developed in the front side but the figures are coming quite bigger. These Kathiawari Bhaktas have increased the price quite high. People from Kathiawar have come here and have settled here. They worked hard but they did not forget Dev. Dev is prominent in their lives and this is important. Everything else in this world is perishable and changeable. Only Bhagwat is Sanatan and will remain. This is eternal truth. You must be remembering that Vachanamrit Mahotsav is coming in very short time. Before 25 years (Rajat Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav) you all haribhaktas and ladies devotees were rendering your services here. I hope that, you have not forgotten it. Devout services do miracle in our progress and development. Not services with money only but services with body and mind are also equally important. Who are the people who clean tour temple and its premises taking broom in their hands? Let's honour them by offering them garlands. All these are fundamental services and the people rendering these fundamental services are sitting behind. People cleaning the floor of

the temple are in fact cleaning their births and deaths. This devotee steps up on a table and cleans the ceiling fan at the age of 70 years. This can be done only if one has worked hard in the fields. We cannot do it. All the people who are doing cleaning work may come forward. This utsav has become very good. We cherish love and affection towards these people. In 'Satsangi Jeevan', 'Vachanamrit' etc. scriptures Maharaj has taught us to develop a sense of belongingness towards others. If a garbage is lying here and if we feel like taking it and drop it in the dustbin, we are cherishing the sense of belongingness toward this place. This is very simple definition; and there is no any confusion. We have to develop the feeling that, this temple is also our home.

We had started the talk with mobile. In fact there is very less time. But those who do not value time, they remain engrossed with the mobile. They are clicking the buttons of the mobile day and night. You might have seen it. How many selfies are being taken by them? I am not against anything. But ultimately if we cherish the sense of belongingness towards our Bhagwan, it would be the perfect end. It is important that, one cherishes the sense of belongingness towards Bhagwan, Bhakta of Bhagwan and Satsang. If one breaches the directions of Bhagwan or Bhakta of Bhagwan, he should be known as Vimukh from Bhagwan. These are words of Bhagwan and I believe the words of Bhagwan as full stop; there cannot be any coma there. There is no subtraction in Vachan of Maharaj. If it is stated by Maharaj, it is full and final. This is our family and we should cherish sense of belongingness. Nobody is perfect. Nobody is above nature and temperament. Only Bhagwan is beyond such nature and temperament. Similarly we have to uplift ourselves from Swabhav and Prakriti with the help of Satsang. These are Vachans and words of Maharaj.

All of you have to take care of your

worldly matters and therefore not much amount has been kept in Vachanamrit Mahotsav. In the savings of two months' bill of mobile, a couple can sit and avail the benefit of Pooja. It is worth. Even if there is more saving after this, it would be used for some noble purpose. Earlier during my childhood I had been to a village and had received Panchiyu - a coin of five paise. It is still preserved in the cupboard. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has also preserved one rupee current note in a plastic. Today there is no much value of it but during that time, it was of much value. After doing some work in the field, this Panchiyu or a one rupee must have been received. It is our responsibility that, money is utilized appropriately. There is transparency in our administration. We maintain accounts of each and every rupee received and utilized. I can give you the details and figures because it is your hard earned money and its shining can be seen upon the walls of this temple. Your faith, trust, Bhajan and sense of belongingness and its smile can be seen being reflected upon Mukharvind of Bhagwan.

There are many temples in our area. So many devotees are residing in Nikol area. We shall develop a temple whether there may be any saving or not out of the next Mahotsav so that they are also not deprived of temple. We had found a letter dictated to Shukanand Swami by Maharaj. It is a hand-written letter. We would be surprised to read its content. It is rarely listened. In the letter, it has been written that, now no temples may be developed. If Haribhaktas are insisting, a place may be developed without much insistence to the rich devotees. Idol image of Shree Narnarayandev and the pious 'Shiksha Patri' may be invoked. It is good that, temples are being developed only to make the words and directions of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' true. There is no any Siddhant. Only one Siddhant that Bhagwan will sit on the throne meant for Bhagwan.

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VERY BEAUTIFUL BLESSINGS

One very old aged saint about to complete hundred years of age, though suffering from severe physical ailments is sitting in Dhyan of Bhagwan Shree Hari in one of great nine temples got constructed by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. One Bhagat has been reciting Bhaktachintamani while sitting beside and rendering his devout services. At that time two-four saints and Parshads from Ahmedabad came to see and to perform divine Darshan of the ailing saint. They performed Dandwat Pranam and offered garland of Prasad of Dev and sat beside the saint.

At that time one Haribhakta told him with folded hands, 'Swami! Please bless us that we may continue to cherish our unshaking faith and trust in Dev and Dharmkul.' Though the saint was unable to utter any words, Swamiji uttered the words slowly, "Bhagat. Just show me which mobile you are using." Haribhakta took out his Smart Phone and showed it to Swamiji. At this, Swamiji asked him to change his smart phone to a simple phone with buttons thereon and told, "There would not be any obstacle in Your Bhakti and Nishtha by simply changing your phone!"

Vaani and blessings of a devout saint, who has reached upto hundred years of his age, shows the right and righteous path to almost every young person in this world. This is the smart reply to the use of smart phone! This elderly old-aged saint is not against the technology but he expresses his worries about its usage. He did not say not to use the phone but he told how to use phone prudently. Phone may be kept for convenience but not for any fashion or to show off. People are crazy about keeping the world in their pockets by minimizing them through internet and mobile.

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel
(Ahmedabad)

In Vachanamrit-18 of Gadhda First Chapter, Shree Hari has stated, "Main fault if of five Gyanendriyas. If the food being taken by Jeev will be pure, their Antahkaran will be purified and if Antahkaran is purified Smriti of Akhand Bhagwan will be cherished. Any humble person will immediately understand this."

This is the greatness of the saints of Sampradaya that they clearly state to the devotees to be vigilant and to be eager to follow their Dharma. There is one very simple rule that, it is very difficult to forget something which has been seen and therefore the remedy to become to be happy is not to see. History of Sampradaya gives the evidence that, Atmanand Swami did not forget Latku performed by a woman. So we should stay very much vigilant. We should avoid seeing and listening something which is unnecessary. If Smart phone is alluring for fulfillment of Vishay under the excuse of Bhakti-Darshan, the recommendation of this old-aged saint to use a simple phone is out of his experience only.

This is the long vision of the old-aged saints when they say that keep your eyes and tongue under control so that nothing wrong enters into yourself. It is very difficult to drive away something wrong which has entered in our self. So it is better not to allow it to enter. We should understand the method of proper behavior and discretion in our Sampradaya. In this world, when a person becomes sick, his relatives and other people come to see him, make a crowded at the place and they pause vulnerable threats of health to other people as well. When great saints and Dharmvanshi Acharya go to see the health of any sick saint or Haribhakta, they grant divine Darshan because Acharya is Other Form of Shreeji Maharaj. Thus, though the process may appear similar, there is essentially much difference.

There are Anant Koti Jeev in this Brahmand but the fate of each one is different from that of others because their Karmas are different. Face and look of no any two persons are one and the same. Physical bodies of Muktas are also not similar but at the last stage when the soul is to start its final journey towards AKshardham should do noble deeds and should go to the temple to perform divine Darshan of deities so that Smriti is retained.

સહેલી છે સો કથ્યી કહેણી અને મણ દુષ્કર છે રહેણી ।

જરી પરીક્ષા ન થઈ નિદાન, અસંતાન સત્ત દીસે સમાન ॥

(Hari Leelamrit Kalash-7, Vishram-70)

The saint who gave this very beautiful preaching and blessing has never used Smart Phone during his long life-time and yet he is very much aware with the latest and modern trends of this world. This saint who has been narrating Katha-Varta in Sabha Mandap of the

temple punctually and regularly for so many years could utter such clear preaching words. No technology is bad in itself but in this world it is absolutely necessary to learn when and where to stop at the time of its usage. If a person learns when to stay, when to stop and when to go ahead, he will never face any difficulties in his life. One should learn to retain himself and to stick to Dharm, to stop on the unrighteous path, to stay away from Vishay-Vaasana and to remain hanging behind Dev-Acharya.

In the end, words of Sadguru Nishkulnand Swami:

પણ જાણું જેને પ્રલુભુ પાસે, તેને કરવો તપાસ કે ।
અંતર બીજો તજુવો આશે, થઈ રહેણું હરિના દાસ કે ॥

Vaani of Tapasvi, old-aged and devout Dharmnishth saint should be cherished in our hearts as it will make us happy.

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Tilak and Chandlo should pierce through our hearts.

Initially Muktanand Swami had rejected Maharaj. And later on the same Swami became a real disciple of Maharaj and has written in one Aarti that He will perform Darshan of Pragat Purushottam. Here the word 'Pragat' is in the present tense and one can speak for one hour. But it is not beating about the bush. In the same Pankti it has been further written that one would be free from Kaal, Karm. Has anyone become free from Kaal and Karm? But here Muktanand Swami has given guarantee on behalf of Maharaj. Not only we but our whole family. Look at Chesta Na Pada of Maharaj. The literature that we have is not found anywhere else in the world. So cherish pride for it. Another matter of taking pride is that the British Government came forward and gave land for our Kalupur temple for the upliftment of our Sampradaya. Initially it was given for the lease of 99 years. But Maharaj insisted that, it may be given on permanent basis with the seal and emblem and the permission of the Queen of England. When it was received thereafter Maharaj invoked the idol image of

Shree Narnarayandev and it began from that point of time.

How much Vicharan was performed by Maharaj after going out of Chhapaiya! Can we do it! Despite all the facilities at present, nobody can do this much. But this has been done by Maharaj to set an example before us.

Before four months, 31 Pratisthas were performed in a month of 30 days and documents of all 31 temples were in favour of Dev. If the documents are not in favour Dev, I don't give the date of Pratistha. Once documents are executed in favour of Dev, I can issue a blank cheque. This is the fact. Our Dev is our wealth. These scriptures and this beautiful Bhagwan. If there is any defect, it is in our mind.

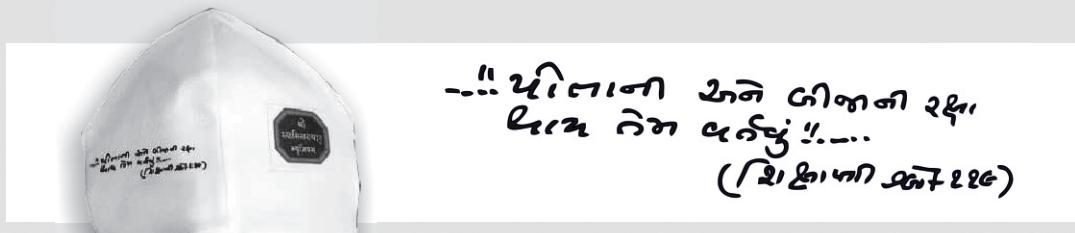
Looking at the clock as Smriti-Bhet offered to the volunteers, I just say that the clock is very useful. Do we get back a second which has gone? And so learn to make positive use of the time. Life is very short. It is in our hands what do we understand through the medium of the scriptures. At last all were blessed.

શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM



During the critical condition of Corona pandemic, it is compulsory to wear mask upon the face by everyone as per the directions of the Government. (there is penalty of Rs.200/- for not wearing a mask). Our Shree Swaminarayan Museum has also taken out mask with printing thereon of a line of Shloka-119 of 'Shiksha Patri' written in the handwriting of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.



This may be for the first time to sneeze by wearing a mask or by covering the face with a handkerchief but this is a tradition in our Sampradaya since the time of Shreeji Maharaj. There is also a reference to it in Pada of Chesta.....

“છીંક જ્યારે આવે રે, ત્યારે રૂમાલ લઈને,

છીંક ખાય રે મુખ પર આડો દઈને....”

And Shreeji Maharaj used to sneeze by covering the face with a handkerchief. This handkerchief of Prasadi has been kept for divine Darshan in Hall No.1 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Devotees may perform divine Darshan, when our Museum is opened.

- Praful Kharsani



SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

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

(MARCH-2020)

01/03/2020 Devotee Shri Ashish Kanubhai Mistry – Nava Vadaj.
05/03/2020 Devotee Shri Karshan Ramji Jesani -U.K.
15/03/2020 Devotee Shri Hiral Parth Shoni – Jayanedrabhai Chunilal Soni – Ranip.
(JUNE-2020)
17/06/2020 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

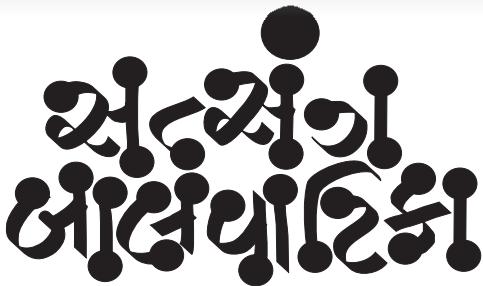
List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance *Bhet Yojna*

Rs.5,05,388/- Akshar Nivasi Sambai dahyalal Gami – Stredham- U.K.
Rs.3,67,010/- Lumvana Premier Resort – Mombasa – Africa.
Rs.3,64,440/- Amil Limited – Mombasa – Africa.
Rs.3,37,349/- Bhimjibhai Mavjibhia Patel the Director of North Wester University College of Science and Applied Sciences, Mombasa – Africa.
Rs.2,20,000/- Devotee Karshan Jina Ratna Jesani, wife Ratanbai son Bhimji, wife Dhanbai, daughter Radhaben, Premilaben and Sharmisthaben grandson Umand, wife dinaben, granddaughter Sauhini and grandson Devesh, wife Chandniben, grandson Hayan, granddaughter Kaushalya and granddaughter Falguni, Bhavir Kerai with family , Baladiya (Kachchh)
Rs.2,20,000/- Devotee Kantilal Mavji Khimani wife Sharmistaben daughter Neha and Shaili with family (Dahisara – Kachchh)
Rs.1,00,000/- Saumil Shah, Archana Shah, Kerav Shah -U.S.A.
Rs.11,111/- On the occasion of first Punya Tithi of Akshar Nivasi Gitaben Baldevbhai Patel through Hardik Suhagiya and Baldevbhai Patel – Nava Naroda.
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Rs.5,111/- Devotee Mukundbhai Chaudhari – L.A. America.
Rs.5,000/- Devotee Minabek K. Joshi family – Bopal.
Rs.5,000/- Devotee Atulbhai Bhanuprasad Pothiwala – Memnagar.

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)

SAMARPAN WITH SADBHAV

- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)

Who does not know Jivan Bhakta of Jetalpur! His financial condition was very poor. Though he was poor, he was rich in his thoughts. There are many people who are happy by their body but very poor in their mind and thoughts. Many have wealth but when we look at their faces, we feel how unhappy they are. They may be well-to-do but there is no pleasure or happiness upon their face. Only they know the best what they think about themselves.

But this Jivan Bhakta was not like this. He was poor and he had no money but he was very rich in his thoughts; and always pleasant and jolly in his mood. He cherished the idea that, he should offer the meals to Shreeji Maharaj but was worried as to what should be offered. He narrated his difficulty at home to his wife.

Jivan Bhakta asked his wife as to what they should do now? They cherished the desire to offer the meals to Maharaj. His wife told him that it is a very good idea. But they did not have money to purchase the groceries. There are pulses called Math in the kitchen and she will grind it in hand-mill and will prepare the loaves of Math. At one point of time, Jivan Bhakta hesitated in offering such loaves.

His wife reminded Jivan Bhakta of incidents being narrated in Katha of

Tandoor of Sudama, half-eaten Bor of Shabri and Bhaji of Vidurji. If Bhagwan can relish all these things then why loaves of Math would not be relished? Next day early morning, both husband and wife started preparing the loaves and a dish was prepared.

Maharaj was sitting in the terrace of Mahol. This Jivan Bhakta went there and was confused to see the scenario there. There were so many devotees standing in a long queue holding dish of delicious items in their hands. Jivan Bhakta was confused and he was standing hesitatingly in a queue waiting for his turn. People standing in front of him and behind him were making fun of his common food item of loaves. Jivan Bhakta was thinking that, Maharaj may not say anything to him even these devotees may not say anything to him. But the devotees of his own village will certainly rebuke him for offering the common item like loaves to Maharaj.

So he was trying to return home in between without waiting for his turn to come. Omniscient Maharaj could read the feelings of Jivan Bhakta and called him. Jivan Bhakta went to Maharaj. He was shivering. His hand was also shivering. He was hiding the dish of loaves with a cloth covering it. But Maharaj did not touch the dish and took both the loaves from the dish in the left hand and started praising the taste while eating it. Hey saints! Hey Brahmanandji ! Hey Muktanandji ! Sura Khachar ! Somla Khachar ! Listen!. We have been relishing all types of items in our Thaal. But today these loaves are much more delicious than all these items. We have not tasted such an item before. So hey saints! Hey devotees! Don't expect any Prasad of these loaves as not a single piece of it will be shared with anybody and only we alone shall relish it!

ALERTNESS IS THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Whether it is strange behaviour or queer conduct of the people or something called crooked Destiny but the people who value the relations in the society are decreasing day by day. The people who are always found around a person when he is rich and wealthy are not found there or they disappear with the passage of time and change of the destiny of that person. And therefore there is a very popular saying proverb in Gujarati language: “નાણાં વિનાનો નાથીયો ને નાણે નાથાલાલ.”

Such a situation was faced by Sheth Uttamchand. When the starts of this Sheth Uttamchand were shining, all the people of his village used to move around him like honey-bees flying around a fragrant flower. All people would take pride in having relations, personal relations with Sheth Uttamchand and they would come and meet him on a number of functions and festivals in a year. Sheth Uttamchand was so benevolent that none would go back empty handed. As the business of this Sheth Uttamchand was going on very well, there was never any problem of cash or anything else. The people used to praise him much with a temptation of getting some material benefit.

It is truly said that, all the days do not go smoothly in life. As Sheth Uttamchand had placed blind faith upon his Munim, the Munim cheated him and there was a sudden break to his business. Situations changed upside-down and this Sheth Uttamchand was now struggling even for food for two times in a day. This also resulted in a change in the behaviour of the people towards him. Gradually people started getting away from him instead of extending their helping hand.

This Sheth was very intelligent. But the breach of faith had brought him sudden

difficulties. He started thinking to start his business afresh. He required money for it but from where was his main problem. He made some arrangement of some money by selling his Haveli and cleared his debt and left for another village. However, he kept a bronze idol image with him, as he liked it very much.

He mortgaged that bronze idol image and borrowed an amount of Rs.200/. He was ready to work hard and his intention was good and so result was bound to come positive. Sheth Uttamchand established himself again. Sheth went to the person where he had mortgaged the bronze idol image and asked him to return his bronze idol image by returning Rs.200/- borrowed from him. That person did not want to return the bronze idol image and so he returned Rs.200/- to Sheth and made an excuse that, the rats have spoilt the idol image. Sheth understood that, the person was making excuses and so he decided to teach him a lesson. Sheth accepted the reason blaming his luck. He requested the person to ask his son to accompany him, as he wanted to take a bath in the river. And he was afraid of the thieves, as he carried some money in his pocket. The person happily sent his son thinking how intelligently he had befooled this Sheth. But the moment Sheth and the son of the person reached at the bank of the river, Sheth locked him in a room and returned to the person with a look of a dejected face and told him that a mighty crane had taken his son away from the bank of the river. At this, the person and his wife started crying and they even lodged a complaint against Sheth Uttamchand in a Court of law. The case was conducted and Sheth Uttamchand argued before the Court that, if a rat can spoil the bronze idol image then a mighty crane can certainly take away a man. The Judge and the person

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

(FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA, ON THE OCCASION OF EKADASHI SATSANG SABHA AT KALUPUR TEMPLE – HAVELI) WHEN ONE GETS SUKH (HAPPINESS) OF ATMA (SOUL) ?

- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal Ghodasar

When we listen to Katha, we get the peace immediately. That means the time we are in the pious Sannidhya of Maharaj, and we perform Dhoon, Bhajan, Kirtan, Pooja whatever, we get the peace of mind. But if we want the permanent peace, when can we get it? The answer is when we get Sukh of Atma. Then the question arises what is Sukh of Atma? The answer is when we get an 'experience' of Parmatma in our Atma, it is known as Sukh of Atma. There is so much dichotomy in this world. No two persons are alike nor there is any similarity in their nature and temperament. Even the thumb impression of any two persons is also not the same. Despite this, we find similarity in each person. You ask anybody, all want happiness. Why? The reason is though their nature is different from one another, Atma residing in each of these persons is one and the same. Atma is 'Urdhwagami' and it is in the form of 'Anand'. And therefore every person is making efforts to advance towards happiness. But due to lack of real knowledge, every Jeev is running behind physical happiness. But happiness of body, mind and Atma are much greater than the worldly happiness and materialistic happiness. When there is no any illness in the body, it is known as the happiness of the body. When there is no ill-feeling towards anybody in the mind and when the mind is not pervert, it is known as the happiness of the mind. Thus, when body and mind both are healthy, we get happiness of Atma. Our Atma possesses Anant Shakti. But we are not aware about it.

Let us understand this with an example. Gangajal (water of the pious river Ganga) is more valuable than normal water. But when this Gangajal is in the river we do not doubt. We are 100% sure that it is Gangajal. But when we place this Gangajal in a vessel, then we do not get an ideal and we commit a mistake of considering it as normal water. We may doubt even whether it is Gangajal or not. Shakti of Chaitanya is not realized due to Aavran. But strength and intellect which we have been granted by Maharaj are to be used for obtaining 'Atmasukh'. How do we come to know about the decrease or increase in the Shakti of our Atma? When there is Santosh, Daya, Paropkar in our heart and mind, we should understand that, Shakti of Atma has increased; and when ill feelings and other base feelings are cherished in our heart, we should understand that Shakti of Atma has decreased. When we suffer from unhappiness, Shakti of Atma decreases. When we expect too much from others, Shakti of Atma decreases. When we became angry, when we cherish pride then also Shakti of Atma decreases. With the pain the body, shakti of body decreases and our work efficiency also decreases. When our mind fumbles in thoughts, Shakti of our mind decreases. We meet so many people outside, we face and go through so many different types of circumstances. Sometimes we face unhappiness and sometimes we become Sthitpragya. And sometimes our mental situation keeps on changing every moment then we should understand that, other people are controlling our mind. So we should become the Owner of our own mind and should not surrender ourselves at the hands of others. For example, when we are sitting at our home and Remote controller of Television is in our hand then you can watch the channel as per your desire and wish and choice. And if the remote controller is in the

hands of others, then we have to watch the channel as shown by others. The meaning is that, control of our mind should be in our hands. If you are controlling your mind, peace of mind will be in your hand. And when we have received Shree Narnaryandev in our life, we should not become impatient or unhappy. If we cannot face the situation we come across then we should think that the situation is in the hands of Maharaj and we should observe patience. We should always remember not to choose a wrong path. It will take some more time but justice is given by Maharaj at the end and when He gives justice it is 100% justice. So we should not become hopeless and should not cherish any negative feelings in our mind and heart. We should always cherish positive thoughts and should have stability of our mind. We should understand the importance of human body that we have received in this life. There was one wood-cutter. He was earning his livelihood by cutting the wood from the forest. The king of the State looked at the wood-cutter and he pitied him and he gave away the garden of Chandan tree to the wood-cutter thinking that, he would get more money of the wood of the Chandan tree and he would become happy. But the wood-cutter did not have any knowledge about the Chandan tree and so instead of selling the wood of Chandan tree, he makes coal out of it by burning them. When the king inquired after 4-5 days, he learnt that, the wood-cutter is making coal out of the wood. The king explained him the importance and value of the wood of Chandan tree. Similarly, when we have received this human life, do we want to burn it out like coal or do we want to make it fragrant like the Chandan wood – we have to decide it. We have to forget the number of years spent but we have to make good use of the remaining years of our life by making our body healthy and competent then only we will get Sukh of Atma. If a disease has spread in the whole village wherein we are living, our first concern will be to save and protect ourselves. Similarly, there are so many bad qualities in this world which we cannot count. What is required is to be vigilant and not to allow any of these bad qualities in us. If we do not have the stick in the form of our scriptures, we have to surrender to this

Kaliyuga because we do not have correct knowledge. And therefore, Maharaj has granted us Satsang, scriptures and the saints. We have to think just one thing at whose shelter are we here? This will give us tremendous peace of mind. Compared to the divine happiness of performing Bhajan-kirtan in the palace of Bharatkhand Raja Shree Narnarayandev, all the worries and woes of the world would look like a tiny worm.

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HYPOCRISY IS THE EXCRETION OF KALI

- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)

Hypocrisy means showing off something which is not there within. All people are striving days and night to show off good in the eyes of others and this is hypocrisy. This is the dirt of this Kaliyuga. It is a praise until it is covered but otherwise when opened it is stinking mud only. There are many people who hide their real situation and condition. He may not be having even twenty five thousand rupees but they show off as if they are having lacs of rupees. Such people place themselves and their family members in great difficulties later on and make it impossible even to earn bread and butter for survival. And so one should not be hypocrite.

In Vachanamrit-16 of Gadhda Last Chapter Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan has stated that, “પોતાના દદયમાં ભગવાનનો દદ નિશ્ચય, ભક્તિ અને ધર્મ ને થોડા હોય ને બીજા આગળ પોતાની મોટાપ વધારવા સારું ઉપરથી તે બહુ જણાવે તે પણ દબ કહેવાયછે. The behaviour of a hypocrite is like tusk of an elephant. An elephant has different teeth to chew and different tusk to show. Heat of an angry person is better than a smile of a hypocrite person. And so one should identify real saint and should perform Bhakti.

મન મેલાં તાન ઉજળા, બગાલા કપડી અંગા,
તેથી તો કાગા ભલા, તાન મન એકજ રંગા,
દેખી ઉપરનો આટાડોપ, મન રખે મોટો માનો,
એ તો ફોગટ ફૂલનો છે ફોષ, સમજે એ સંત શાનો.

Most of the people have outer eyes; but a real saint cannot be identified without real inner eye. Shreeji Maharaj has stated in Vachanamrit that He does not like pride and hypocrisy.

The great king Ravan took the form of Sadhu and Tapasvi to kidnap Sitaji. But ultimately the truth prevails. Ravan was defeated and killed and Sitaji was released in the end. When people behave with simplicity and humily, they are liked by everyone. But a hypocrite person has to cherish so many worries in order to maintain its pseudo status. Therefore, one should spend a simple and straightforward life if he wants progress in life. Nishkulanand Swami has stated,

“દેદ પોષણ સારં જે દંબ, કરે છે જે કુલુદ્ધ,
ખોટો સુખ અરથે આરંભ, મુકે નહિ મૂખા સુદ્ધિ.
તેણે જનમપણે પાદ, ખોટો ખાવા કરણે,
મોક્ષ મારગે દીઘા કમાદ, કડી જડી બારણે.”

A king made a dog stand wearing a garb of a lion in front of an enemy army. The idea of the king was that, the army of the enemy should run away watching a lion on the battlefield. It became otherway round. The dog inside the garb of a lion saw the elephants of the enemy army and it started barking at the elephants. The intelligent army-chief immediately attacked and arrested the king and won the battle as well as the State of the defeated king. One can be cheated for some time but one cannot be cheated for ever. It is easy to show off as a simple and sober man, a gentleman. But it very difficult to be a gentleman. Change in the intention is required and not in the outward look. So saint should be identified through his behaviour and not through his clothes.

Nowadays there is a craze for outward appearance. Only packing and marketing

should be strong. People are cheated through outward appearance. Similarly, the hypocrite person look decent outwardly. People are cheated with the smart use of the tongue, words and presentation etc.

Once Maharaj was going from Gadhda to Vadtal accompanied by the saints and Haribhaktas. When they reached to Bhal region, one Sadhu was sitting there in naked condition and people were coming there and were bowing down. Saint and Maharaj were going ahead followed by Suro Khachar and Somlo Khachar. Somlo Khachar said, “Look! This Sadhu is performing very austere Tapasadhana. I want to offer some money but it has to be place upon a cloth and this Sadhu does not have any cloth. Now if this Sadhu wakes up from his Samadhi, I can give the money to him and I can fulfil my desire.” Listening to this, the Sadhu opened his mouth and Somlo Khachar identified that, this Sadhu was a hypocrite. So he took a fist of sand from the road and placed inside the open mouth of the Sadhu. Sadhu became angry at this. Somlo Khachar asked him not to be angry as it does not suit to him as Sadhu. Therefore, one should never be hypocrite.

We are more interested in showing off ourselves as saint or Bhakta but are not as much interested in becoming real saint or Bhakta. And therefore hypocrisy is truly described as mud of Kaliyuga and we should try to abstain ourselves from such a mud.

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understood what Sheth Uttamchand wanted to tell. The Judge did justice after helping Sheth Uttamchand get back his bronze idol image aand punished the person with a fine of Rs.500/- for harassing Sheth unnecessarily.

A person who faces all the difficulties patiently, he certainly overcomes them successfully. Friends! Initially this Sheth was careless and so he had to pay a very high price. Therefore, in order to prevent such things from happening in our life, our

Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan was given us the directions that, the devotees should write accounts of their business and should incur expenditure in proportion to the income of the business. If Sheth would have followed this precept in letter and spirit, he would have saved himself from the calamity. In nutshell, the directions contained in the pious ‘Shiksha Patri’ given by our Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan are the keys to happiness. So let us follow them in toto.

મહારાજા
સાત્યારી

Relief activities undertaken by Kalupur temple and by the temples under Shree Narnarayandev during the time of Corona Virus Pandemic

Paramkripalu Sarvopari Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan is very benevolent and therefore only in "Vandu na" Pad, Premanand Swami has sung "કોઈને દુઃખાનો રે દેખીન ખમાય દયા આશી રે, અતિ આકાશ થાય અન, ધન, વસ્ત્ર રે આપીને દુઃખ ટાળે, કરુણા દાખ રે.". As per this line our H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadaji Maharaj is also equally benevolent. The Corona Virus has adversely affected the whole world. During such a critical time, our sampradaya and Shree Narnarayandev Pith Sthan has always been sharing the woes of the people. Be it the floods of Morbi or earthquake of Kachchh, be it drought or heavy floods or be it war against China or Pakistan, with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, saints and Haribhaktas of Kalupur temple have rendered their beautiful self-less services and have tried to give relief to the perturbed and the affected people.

The moment the Corona Virus entered our Country and the State of Gujarat in the month of March-2020, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj issued orders to close all our temples and to suspend all Utsav, Samaiyas, Patotsav, Parayan etc. Mahant Swami of each of our small and big temples with dome suggested to offer food and other assistance on behalf of our temples to the Jawans, soldiers fighting for the country and the policemen, daily wager workers and the poor persons and all those people who are rendering their voluntary social services. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Nirgundasji of Kalupur temple and his saint mandal rendered the services of offering the food packets. From March-2020 till 24th April 2020 both morning and evening total 9,89,000/- food packets were prepared and were distributed through the Government and Municipality. Even the police staff members were provided 34,400 food packets in person. Moreover, in the morning 320 police staff members and in the evening 220 police staff members were offered the meals in our Kalupur

temple during the period from March-2020 to May-2020. Besides this, Mahant Swami of our Jetalpur temple, Kankaria temple, Naranpura temple, Naranghat temple, approach (Bapunagar) temple, Dholka temple, Muli temple, Surendrangular temple, Ranjitgadh and Ranip temple had also undertaken the social services of offering meals and distributing the food packets for more than 02 months continuously. From Jetalpur temple, saint mandal of Mahant Swami had prepared the meals and had distributed the same to the poor and the affected people, Police staff members and even to the patients in the hospitals and clinics. The objective of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj is such that, even the smallest person of the society should be taken care of. During such a time, we should stand by them and should extend all help so that, they may not starve. By observing the directions of Shree Hari our Kalupur temple and all temples under Shree Narnarayandev Desh have been doing such type of social services. (Kothari Swami Mahapurushdasji)

Patotsav of Thakorji in Dholka temple

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with Divya Sankalp of Akshar Nivasi (Dada Guru) Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariswaroopdasaji, Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariswaroopdasaji, Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Krishnajivandasji, Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Mahapurushdasji and Guruvarya Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Jagdishprasaddasji and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Satyasaankalpdasji, 193th Patotsav of Mahapratap Shree Morlimanohardev Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Mahavirsinh Vikramsinh Gohil (Gudelwala) family rendered the services as the host devotee of this Patotsav. Mahabhishek, Shangaar Aarti and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji were performed by the saints. (Kothari Swami Dholka)

16th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ridrol

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 16th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ridrol was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. First of all, Abhishek and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji were performed. Thereafter, Mahant Swami of Kalupur temple, Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Gandhinagar), Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji etc. saints had narrated Katha-Varta. Dr. Nimaben Ajaybhai rendered the services as the host devotee of Patotsav. Devotee Shri Vithalbhai Patel family

had also remained present. Haribhaktas of the village were very much pleased.

(Kothari Manubhai)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Nar Narayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 30th Varshik Patotsav of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera which was graced by Shreeji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Suchilabha Natvarsinh Chavda (Bilodrawala) family had rendered the services as the host devotee of this Patotsav. On this occasion, Tridinatmak Ratriya Vachanamrit Katha was organized from 26/02/2020 to 28/02/2020. On the first day, Shastri D.K. Swami (Kalupur), Shastri Swami Satsangibhushandasji and Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) narrated akatha. Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) was the source of inspiration of this occasion. Abhishek, Annakut, Dhajaropan to Thakorji were performed as per the rituals and all Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of divine Darshan.

(Kothari, Motera)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Nar Narayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, various types of utsavs were celebrated during the whole year.

In the month of February, with the directions of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Mahila Mandal of Bopal had organized beautiful Raas-Garba programme as a part of cultural programme on the occasion of Shree Vachanamrit Dwishatabdi Mahotsav. H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja were very much pleased and had blessed all Balikas.

(Pravin Upadhyay, Bopal)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manipura

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Nar Narayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Sabha of Ekadashi was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manipura in Khakhriya area on 06/03/2020 from morning 8.00 till 4.00 hours in the evening wherein Dhoon, Kirtan, Katha-Varta etc. were organized whose benefit was availed by all Haribhaktas. On this occasion, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), Sadguru Swami Balkrishnadasji (Jamiyatpura), Shastri Swami Satsangibhushandasji etc. saint mandal had narrated Katha-Varta. (Manibhai-Ahmedabad)

Shree Nar Narayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kolad (Tal. Kadi) had organized padyatra of 10 km from Kolat to Jetalpurdham.

MULI DESH

2nd Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Rampara, Tal. Wadhwani

With the blessings of Mulidham Nivasi Shree Radhakrishnadev Hari Krishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, 2nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Rampara, Tal. Wadhwani was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 10/03/2020.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangijivan Ratriya Panchanh Parayan was organized from 06/03/2020 to 10/03/2020 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Hathijan) as the spokesperson whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. The whole Sabha was conducted by devotee Shri Shailendrasinh Zala. On behalf of the ladies devotees, Abhishek and Aannkit of Thakorji were performed. During the whole programme, Sadguru Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji provided the guidance.

Other services were rendered by Premvallabh Swami, Shanti Swami, Kanu Bhagat. Mahant Swami from Muli temple and Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji had arrived.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

6th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Timba

With the blessings of Mulidham Nivasi Shree Radhakrishnadev Hari Krishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 6th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Timba was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 11/03/2020.

On this occasion, Panchdinatmak Ratriya Katha was organized from 07/03/2020 to 11/03/2020 with Sadhu Tyagvallabhdasji and Sadhu Satsangsagardasji (Surendranagar) as the spokespersons whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas of the village.

On this occasion Abhishek and Annakut of Thakorji were performed. The whole Sabha was conducted by Purani Swami Nityaprakashdasji. Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Hathijan) had arrived on this occasion.

Under the guidance of Sadguru Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji, all the devotees had rendered their inspirational services.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

OVERSEAS SATSANG SAMACHAR

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Itasca (Chicago)

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

Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul, Utsavs were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Itaska whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. Dineshbhai Joshi had got performed the concluding ritual.

Shastri Swami Bhaktinandasji and Brahmchari K.P. Swami (Jetalpur) had organized the whole programme alongwith Haribhaktas (Vasant Trivedi – Chicago) **Various social service activities by London Willesden Lane temple, London during the Corona Pandemic**

During this critical time of Corona pandemic, wherein all types of restrictions have been imposed upon and it has been advised and directed not to go out of home, not to go to the temple, not to go to school for studies and not to go out even to purchase essential things like vegetables and grocery items and this has made life impossible. With the blessings of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the blessing of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the Dharmkul and with the pleasure of all saints of Bhuj temple, young Haribhaktas and young ladies devotees formed various teams and started rendering various types of social services. Some of the teams have been teaching young children through equipment of Doodarshan, as the schools are closed. Some teams are meeting the patients, inquiring with them and are providing medicines as required by them. Some teams are preparing ration kits of essential kitchen grocery items and are distributing them to the needy, poor and the old aged people. Some teams are assisting these teams for logistics support. Some teams are collecting the things and other teams are distributing them at various places in different areas. Thus, the devotees have been rendering various types of services.

Residents of flats and newly constructed care-homes of temple and Poojari and saints

are engaged in providing all essential things and its protection so that they do not have to go out and they may get the essential things.

All these things can be executed well with the financial support only and therefore haribhaktas and well-wishers of the temple are always there and they have been rendering their devout services. They have been extending the help of vehicles and they have also been rendering services for grocery items, vegetables and clothes required for protection.

Gratitude is expressed by the temple of all those Haribhaktas, Mumukshus and well-wishers and an ardent request is made to them on behalf of the temple that, they may continue to extend their support and services till it is required.

During this critical time of Corona pandemic, Ramnavmi / Shree Hari Jayanti etc. religious Utsavs were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Besides this, 197th Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev of Bhuj temple and saint mandal of 06 saints who had arrived from Bhuj at the time of social services and they extended their support and guidance to the young devotees and so this temple expresses its gratitude towards these saints also.

Through Re-generation project, appropriate changes and modifications were made in the temple and by developing suitable modern facilities and equipment in the temple due to the devotees could avail the benefit of all the activities being done in the temple and so the whole Satsang Samaj appreciates the long vision of the young Committee and acknowledges its gratitude.

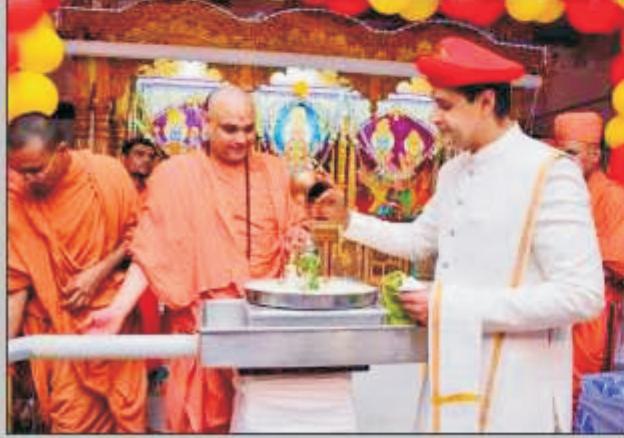
On the occasion of Patotsav of the temple, donation of 26000 pound was received from the devotees and during the lockdown, services of 15000 pound consisting of essential things required in the flat and care-home of the temple and vegetables, frozen fruits, flowers was received and all this amount will be used for Covid-19 UK.

AKSHARVAAS

Elder and the learned Tapasvi saint of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli and ardent devout saint of Shree Radhakrishnadev and Dharmkul Sadguru Swami Balkrishnadasji Guru Sadguru Purani Swami Purushottamcharandasji passed away to Akshardham on Jeth Sud-12 on 06/06/2020 (Saturday) while chanting the name of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Muli Desh has sustained a damage of an elderly saint due to this. It is a prayer at lotus-like feet of Shree Naranrayandev that, May Shree Hari grant him place of eternal peace in His Dham.

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1. Chandan-Vagha Darshan of Shree Narmayandev in Ahmedabad temple. 2. Chandan-Vagha Darshan of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in Naranghat temple. 3. During the critical period of Corona virus, Sat Sang was being organized online and in one such online sat sang Annakut Darshan of Thakorji in Naranghat temple. 4. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek Aarti of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Jetalpur temple. 5. Darshan of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Dholka temple. 6. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji and granting blessings in the Sabha on the occasion of 125th Patotsav of Kotharba temple.

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