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# અર્થમદીયમ्

Pious Chatur Maas and Diwali days have gone and it may appear that Bhajan-Bhakti and Anand-Utsav were over. But for a Bhakta of Bhagwan there is divine pleasure of Diwali throughout the year and he should remain engrossed in AkhandSmruti of Parmeshwar. And therefore Sadguru Brahmanand Swami says “મારે તો દારી દારી દિવાળી”. When we have become ardent devotee of Bhagwan why should remain poor and with all courage we should keep aside all types of worries and should ensure emancipation of Jivatma, as this is the only prudence we can have. By removing all perishable things which create unhappiness in us, we should remember Bhaktas and Saints having divine relations with Bhagwan. By adopting any of three types of Vairagaya stated by Shreeji Maharaj namely Uttam, Madhyam and Kanishta Vairagya and by we should make a conscious effort to strengthen our deep faith and trust in Bhagwan Shree Narnarayandev invoked and embraced by our Ishtadev Parmeshwar Sarvavtari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and His Form then we would certainly be blessed by Shree Hari. And due to such divine blessings we have to get rid of this cycle of birth and death which goes on for so many lives after lives and we have to achieve Dham of Bhagwan.

**Editor Mahant Swami  
Shastri Swami Nirgundasji**



# Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri

(October – 2022)



1 to 5 Celebration of 50th Janmotsav 'Acharya Vandana Mahotsav' in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shri Future Acharya H.H. Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj in the presence of thousands of respected saints of Shree Narnarayandev Desh and thousands of haribhaktas. Parv Ground, Jamiyatpura.

14 Celebration of Shatamrit Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar with great fervor and enthusiasm.

24 Poojan Aarti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in Ahmedabad Kalupur temple on the occasion of Kali Chaudas. Group Sharda Poojan, Chopda Poojan was performed in the Sabha Mandap of Prasadi of Ahmedabad Kalupur temple.

26 Annakut aarti of various types of fruits to Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev on the pious occasion of Nutan Varsh and granted the benefit of blessings to all the saints and devotees.

30 Performed Murti Pran Pratistha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Shekhpur (dist. Jamnagar, Muli Desh) (birthplace of Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami). And from there grace village Bodka (Halar, Muli Desh) on the occasion of Parayan

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(OCTOBER – 2022)

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8 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar on the occasion of Shatamrit Patotsav.

24 Graced Shree Swaminarayan Baug, Asarwa to perform poojan aarti of Shree Vir Hanumanji Maharaj. Performed Poojan Aarti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in Ahmedabad Kalupur temple alongwith H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the occasion of Kali Chaudas. Performed Group Sharda Poojan, Chopda Poojan in Vedic tradition alongwith H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in the Sabha Mandap of Prasadi of Ahmedabad Kalupur temple. Group Sharda Poojan, Chopda Poojan was performed in the Sabha Mandap of Prasadi of Ahmedabad Kalupur temple.

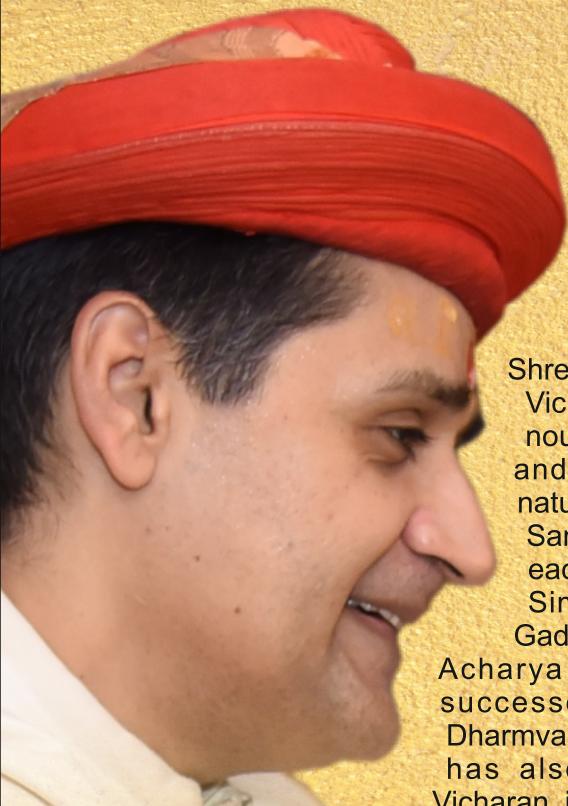
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## पञ्चाशत जन्मोत्सव

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Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Hari used to perform Vicharan in other Prant for nourishment of Satsang and therefore it is but natural that, Rang Utsav, Samaiya are organized in each and every temple. Similarly, Uttar Vibhag Gadi is in Ahmedabad in Acharya Parampara of the successors of Shree Hari, Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj has also been performing Vicharan in the country and in overseas countries for the nourishment of the counties and therefore very naturally a string of Utsav Samaiya is created in Shreenagar. Moreover, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj – Our Future Acharya being the chief in the arrangements and preparations in organizing all such festivals, utsav and Samaiyas, direction guidance and blessings of Dharmkul are being received and so quite

naturally blessings of Shree Narnarayandev are also being received divinely and so in very short span of time, SarvopariMahotsavs are being celebrated. Acharya Vandana' PanchasatJanmotsav -Pragatya of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj upon completion of 50 years on the pious day of Vijaya Dashmi on 05/10/2022, divine and grand Acharya Vandana PanchasatJanmotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 01/10/2022 to 05/10/2022 on Parva Ground near Prabha Hanumanji Maharaj, Jamiyatpura, Ahmedabad wherein our Parv Mahotsav was celebrated earlier this year.

**Social service :** H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was not at all inclined for celebration of his own Jankotsav and yet not individually but through the medium of this utsavof seat of



Acharya established by Shree Hari, granted permission for celebration with a noble aim that Satsang is nourished through the humanitarian and society-oriented programmes wherein services to the human beings are rendered and so first announcement of this Mahotsav was made by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on 26/06/2022 and thereafter its formal announcement was made on the pious day of Guru Purnima on 13/07/2022. As there was rainy season of Monsoon, there was no scope for any preparation on the ground. Till 15/08/2022 there was 3 to 4 ft high grass grown on the ground and the cows were grazing the grass. Just before one month, services on the ground started but due to constant rains, satisfactory services could not be done and yet during that time various types of social services were undertaken and rendered by Kalupur temple and other associated temples. These services included tree-plantation, cleanliness of the temples, distribution of clothes, spectacles, hearing kit etc. to the needy, distribution of scholarship to the bright students performing

exceptionally well in their studies and sports activities, distribution of the meals in the old-age homes and meals as also prosthetic foot to the patients, distribution of the fodder to the cattle, assistance to the persons of the service sector, rural hygiene and campaign for freedom from addiction and thereby service to the society continued incessantly.

**ShramYagna** : only 15 days were left before Utsav and the rains and the forecast for the rains continued and so H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the saints performed Prarthna to Thakorji on the ground and just like a miracle Meghraja took a rest. After the rest for 20 days the work was resumed and all the devotees rendered their tremendous devout services till the second day after Purnahuti of Utsav. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja, the ladies devotees also rendered their services for cutting the grass on the ground, shifting of the bricks from one place to another. And with the hard work and toil of the saints and devotees and with the support of all, all the initiatives and





the arrangements were erected and developed under the guidance of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. About 20 committees were formed with a Core Committee of 26 members which provided guidance to each committee. Under different committees ladies devotees and Haribhaktas in all 2200 in number worked hard – day and night and this Mahotsav was given a final shape. Volunteer devotees from Uttar Gujarat DandhavyaDesh, MuliDesh, Bhuj, Ahmedabad city, Rajasthan, Rajkot, Junagadh and Surat had also come to render their services.

As the colour of the turban – the symbol of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj – was red, everywhere be it gate, temple,

t-shirt of volunteers and sari of ladies devotees – red colour was selected. Everywhere the replica and imprint of Kalupur temple and Shree Narnarayandev in golden colour were visible. Darshan of Shree Sahajanand Swami was visible on the main gate. The whole temple premises of Kalupur temple was made wonderful with decorative lights as a memorable memory of Utsav.

**Beginning :**On 01/10/2022 in the evening at 5.30 hours artists of the band part accompanied by the musical instruments performed and staged various arts. 12 horse-riders clad in white riding 12 white horses were playing Nagara and saints and devotees in large number were



eagerly waiting. At 6.15 hours the whole Dharmkul arrived and with Jayghosh of Shree Narnarayandev, all three Other Forms of Shree Hari performed poojan of Thakorji through Bhudev, offered Shrifaal and inaugurated Mahotsav by cutting a ribbon. All the internal roads were made of pavour blocks and a big fountain was made on the centre of the ground and at some distance of it was made Shree Narnarayandev Mandir. Beside Shree Narnarayande, idol image of **Shivji and Parvatiji of Prasadi** were placed. Shree Hari Himself had performed Abhishek with mango juice on Shivlinga and had performed poojan in DabhanYagna and which now grants us divine Darshan in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. The whole Dharmkul and saitns and devotees were welcomed with rose petals sprinkled on them from above using the technology and modern machines. All three Other Forms of Shree Hari had performed poojan of Shree Narnarayandev and Shiv Parvati and had laid open the temple for Darshan for all.

Amidst the singing of Swagat Pada 'Anand Chhayo... Anand Chhayo...' H.HN. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj came to the stage of Sabha Mandap and H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja took seats at their usual place. Famous musician Shri Nirajbhai Parikh and his professional colleagues performed singing of Guru Vandana Shloka and Padas and a special Pada of Veer Rasa was also sung on this pious occasion.

As per the Vedic tradition, all three Other Forms of Shree Hari and the leading saints had performed Deep Pragatya. With the title '**Our Utsav, we are Host-devotees, Our Acharya**' given by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Bhudevs of Sanskrit Pathshala performed



PothiPoojan on behalf of all the host devotees and H.H. Shri Lajji Maharaj performed poojan of spokesperson of Katha. In the brief Sabha H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj granted blessings to all. All the three Other Forms of Shree Hari had laid open other initiatives on the ground.

**Kathamrit :** The huge decorative Sabha Mandap of the same size as was at the time of Parv Mahotsav was prepared by Lalaji and Sons Co. with changes in the design of its entrance wherein lacs of devotees availed the benefit of katha of Siddhant of Sampradaya while sitting on sofas

and chairs. In the morning and evening, the brave, learned saints such Mahant Shastri Swami Shri Nirgundasji ( A h m e d a b a d ) and Shastri Swami Shri Purushottamprakashdasji ( Jetalpur ) narrated beautiful Katha during all four days. Importance of Dev, Acharya, Shastra, rights of Acharya, H.H. Shri Gadiwala as Guru of ladies devotees, importance of Dharmvanshi Acharya in Sampradaya, Shiksha Patri, DeshVibhagLekh and the basic principles propounded by Sampradaya established by Shree Hari were narrated and reinforced and Katha was



performed as per the need of the present time. Rasotsav was also organized during Katha accompanied by Kirtan singing accompanied by the musical instruments. Whenever Three Other Forms of Shree Hari would arrive on the stage, first they would offer garlands to the spokespersons of Katha. At the end of every evening session of Katha, the devotees used to perform Samuh Aarti of Thakorji and Vyaspith. The whole Dharmkul used to grant Darshan on every special occasion during Katha.

**Mahapooja:** For the first time in Sampradaya with a noble view to have equality, as per the directions of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, any devotee could avail the benefit of rendering services as the host devotee by offering services of only



Rs.5,000/- It was nameless invitation card and Sabha was also garlandless. In order to actualize this vision of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, none of the host devotees were invited and called on stage for their honour. In stead all the host devotees were offered equal opportunity of rendering services as the host devotee. 02 domes for Mahapooja each one having capacity of 500 were made. For first two days, Mahapooja continue



d both the times and on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> day Mahapooja was performed during the morning time only and thus total 4000 host devotees availed the benefit of Mahapooja. Each and every host devotee was offered Rajat Pratima of Shree Narnarayandev as Smriti. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj also used to come as per convenience to perform aarti of concluding rituals of Mahapooja.

**Exhibition :** with a view that each and every devotee gets the knowledge and information about the importance of seat of Acharya as the main pillar of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya, and also about their pious and devout life-style and stages of life, nine sections were made in one big huge dome wherein 1. Introduction (importance) of seat of Acharya 2. Photo Gallery and recording of works of former Acharya Maharaj 3. Photo Gallery of present Acharya Maharaj 4. Gallery of Future Acharya. And rare photos of Acharya in each gallery and brief note about their work for the society were placed for divine Darshan. A special photo gallery of the present Acharya and Future Acharya was placed in the middle of the ground just in front of Shree Narnarayandev temple on the ground wherein brief excerpts of blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj were displayed.5. Book Projection was placed through Audio Books wherein one by one pages of audio book would be opened so that wherein the visitor devotees may get to know about the scriptures and their reading interest is



aroused. 6. Pagh Darshan – in Swaminarayan Sampradaya Laal Paagh - red turban is the symbol of Acharya. From the time of Shreeji Maharaj, Pagh, Khesh, and golden necklace are offered to Acharya sitting on the seat of Acharya. In the memory of this Parampara, Laal Paagh and Khes and VastraParidhan were displayed in this section. 7. Devasya Dham Film : A film of 'Devasya' complex taking place on the land admeasuring 545 acre in the Virginia State of America with the support of I.S.S.O. was displayed so that the family of the visitors can have divine Darshan of the spiritual, cultural and social values at one place. This project is so beautiful that one would like to see it again and again. Murti of Shree Radhikaji Kunj Vihari to be invoked there has been prepared from the utensils of Prasadi of Shree Hari which was earlier invoked in our Karanchi temple in Pakistan. 8. VR Gallery – the whole project of Chhapaiyadham was displayed here through V.R. technology. This project also is going to be a landmark projects of Ahmedabad Desh. 9. Shree Narnarayandev Projection Mapping (Photo booth) with the help of modern technology a praiseworthy attempt was made to perform divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev through modern technology of A.R. (Augmented Reality) and V.R. (Virtual Reality) and 3D



mapping and Hologram. This became very much popular and thousands of devotees performed divine Darshan.

**Documentary film of Acharya Maharaj :** In one big dome, with beautiful theatre sitting arrangements, this documentary film about Acharya Maharaj spreading and preserving life and historic values of the life of Acharya Maharaj was shown whose benefit was availed by lacs of devotees and haribhaktas.

**Vandana and wishes by saints and Bhaktas**

:Dharmvanshi Acharya is Guru of all Tyagi and Gruhi devotees. Thousands of saints and lacs of devotees cherish faith and affection in their hearts towards Acharya Maharaj. On the pious occasion of 50-Janmotsav of the present Dharmguru H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, saints and Mahant Swamis of various temples had arrived. Mahant Purani Swami Dharmnandasji, Kothari Devprakashdasji, Swami Devcharandasji, Shastri Swami Krishnaswaroopdasji, Kothari Parshad Jadavji Bhagat (Bhagat), Sadguru Swami Guruprasaddasji

(Ahmedabad), Mahant Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji, Shastri Vrajvallabhdasji, Shastri Swami Satyasankalpdasji (Muli), Shastri Swami Dharmnandasji (Jetalpur), Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Gandhinagar), Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji (Narayanghat), Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar), had conducted the Sabha beautifully during the whole Mahotsav. Mahant Shastri Swami Akhileshwarddasji (Ayodhya), Sadguru Swami Devswaroopdasji (Mathura), Mahant Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kalol), Mahant Shastri Swami Siddheshwarddasji (idar), Mahant Shastri Swami Brahmavihardasji (Surendranagar), Mahant Shastri

Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar), Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji (Kankaria), Shastri Swami Narayanmuidasji (Kota), Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji (Mansa and Swami Vijayprakashdasji (Jamiyatpura).

All the saints of Ahmedabad Desh had offered **Abhivadan Patra** hailing and praising incessant services of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.saints of Bhuj, Anjar, Mandvi had offered 51 feet long garland. The sweet of Penda prepared by 100 year old Swami Sanatandasji of Bhuj temple were offered to all three Other Forms of Shree Hari. Sankhyayogi Mahant Shambaifai of Bhuj had offered PoshakBhet and garland while remaining under Maryada of



Maharaj etc. family members had also arrived. As representatives of all, if we remember seven dignitaries (1) Honourable Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel



Sampradaya. Bhudevs had performed poojan of all the saints on behalf of all the host devotees.

On behalf of all the devotees Presidents and trustees of different chapters of ISSO and leading devotees had expressed their best wishes. Former trustees of Ahmedabad temple and offered Abhivadanpatra and the present trustees had offered Bhet and conveyed their best wishes. Certain devout devotees had offered golden ornaments like ring and golden necklace and had performed Guru Vandana.

**Wishes by invited guests** :During the whole Mahotsav about 50 dignitaries belonging and having noteworthy contribution to the political, social, national, judicial, defense, agriculture field had allotted their precious time and had come to our Mahotsav to convey their best wishes. Some of the old friends of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, and H.H. Shri Bindu Raja – the sister of H.H Shri Acharya

(Gujarat State) (2) His Highness the Governor Shri Acharya Devvratji (Gujarat) (3) Former Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitinbhai Patel (4) Shri K.M. Yadav (IG, CRPF) (5) Salu S. Maharana (women wing commandant CRPF) (6) Shri PrabhakumarVarmaji (Member of Legislative Assembly, Chhapaiya, Gaunda district) (7) Shri Sunilbhai Mehta (Akhil Bhartiya SahbaudhhikPramukh, RSS)

Many dignitaries had come with their family members wife and children. All of them had hailed and praised the religious, social, national and humanitarian activities and services being rendered by the temples of Ahmedabad Gadi under the guidance and inspiration of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. All were impressed by the honouring of each dignitary by offering shawl and memento by Dharmkul under the guidance of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. His



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માનનીય મુખ્યમંત્રી શ્રી ભૂપેન્દ્રભાઈ પટેલ



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Highness the Governor had recommended for organic agriculture. About 500 Sanyojak, Sahsanyojak of 33 districts of Gujarat and all farmers had arrived with the invitation of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and each of them were honoured and encouraged by offering shawl by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and His Highness Governor. Coincidentally during Mahotsav on 2<sup>nd</sup> October there was Janma Jayanti of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and so all had performed signing of the national anthem.

Women wing commandant Salu S. Maharana (CRPF) had organized and



performed parade with 80 women battalion and had come to the front side of the Sabha Mandap and all of them were honoured by H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja. The brave Jawans were honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and all had



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witnessed the feeling of nationality and patriotism of Dharmkulu.

**Health service :** As a part of Mahotsav, health service was given the most priority. Dr. Shashank Pandya (Director, GCRI), Dr. Viral A. Parikh (Psychiatrist), Dr. Anish Chandrana (Cardiologist, CIMS Hosp.), Dr. Rakesh S. Joshi (Civil Superintendent), Dr. Anand Shah (GCRI), Dr. Vinit Mishraji (Director, KDRC) etc. famous expert doctors of the Gujarat state were invited with a view that benefit of their expertise and knowledge can be availed by all. During the present time, mental diseases as well as diabetes, B.P., cancer, diseases of kidney and diseases of heart are prominently found in the society. At this time, what



precautions should be taken to prevent the them and causes and symptoms and treatment of all these diseases were explained by the expert doctor of the concerned illness through their speech and slide-show presentation and through question-answer session. All of them had stressed upon pure Sattvik food and meals, physical exercise and addiction-free lifestyle to prevent such diseases and Yoga, Dhyan, Meditation, Dharma and Satsang-parayan life to prevent mental diseases. The expert gynecologist lady doctor had granted the benefit of her expertise to the ladies devotees in the Sabha of the ladies devotees.

With the support of Senior Citizen World India, K.D. Hospital and Civil IKD Civil, Cancer Civil and Red Cross medical health guidance, organ donation, blood donation and general OPD for the patients, orthopedic, eye and health specialist doctors had provided free consultation and free medicines were provided in a huge dome of the medical camp. 22 patients were given free card for the cataract operation. With the efforts of the Arogya Committee of Mahotsav following health related services were rendered.

**(1)** Blood donation of 534 bloodbags for the benefit of Thalassemia civil Hospital.

**(2)** 501 Organ donation pledge were filled up (donation of organs of the body after death)

**(3)** General OPD 1767

**(4)** Patients of heart diseases 98

**(5)** Patients of eye diseases 448

**(6)** Patients of bone diseases (orthopedic)428

**(7)** Patients of skin diseases 290

Besides this, free ambulance service was provided. Each invited doctor and Arogya Committee was honoured appropriately.



**Mahila Manch :**On the third day of Mahotsav in the afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00 hours Mahila Manch was organized. H.H. Shri Raja had inaugurated it by lighting a lamp. Sankhya Yogi Gitaba, Sankhya Yogi Bhartiba and after the speech by Murliben the T.V. Serial artist and member of Satsang Parivar, expert ladies doctor Dr. Ava Desai (Gynec Oncology), Dr. Priyanka Chirpal (Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon) and Dr. Nita Mishtra (Human Health) had furnished detailed information with



slide show about preventive care of the diseases of women. H.H. Shri Raja had thrown light upon the use of modern technology, progress with Samskruti, relations of women in a family and life with Bharatiya Sanskaras and values in foreign country. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had blessed all the ladies devotees and had honoured all ladies doctors.

**Raas Garba** : Navratri Parva was going on during Acharya Vandana Mahotsav and so everyday Raas Garba were organized continuously for five days in Ratri session with Sthapan of Durga Devi and Maa Parvati and in the

pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Raja. The famous artists such as Sachin Jigar, Rutvi Pandya, Raag Mehta, Zalak Pandya, Kirti Sagathia, Payal Shah and Amit Trivedi and their professional colleague artists



had performed Raas Garba with their band as per Maryada of Sampradaya (separate Garba for ladies devotees and Haribhaktas). LED Screens were also placed and Raas Garba were performed in the company of the modern musical instruments. In Shiksha Patri Shree Hari has given directions to give respect to Panchdev. Everyday, H.H. Shri Raja would initiate Raas-Garba with aarti of Mataji. The artists would initiate with Ganesh Vandana. Our satsangi devotee artist Poorav Patel had given full support in this arrangement. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had honoured young gents artists and H.H. Shri Raja had honoured the ladies artists on each day. After Raas Garba pure and Sattvik prasad-nasta was being offered to the young generation.

**Mahaprasad** :Bhojan and Prasad are unique characteristics of Sampradaya. 06 big domes of Bhojan Shala were made having different sections for saints, for invited guests and dignitaries, for host devotees and general. Two sweets in the afternoon meals and one sweet in evening meals were offered and lacs of devotees availed its benefit. Arrangements were made of morning breakfast

for the volunteers and other devotees residing there on the place of Mahotsav.

**Reminiscences:** Mahotsav was organized in spacious campus admeasuring 130 acre. Famous daily newspapers like Gujarat Samachar, Divya Bhaskar had taken note of Mahotsav. One dome was made for transportation karyalaya, volunteer karyalaya, NRI karyalaya, residence karyalaya and locker room. 10 domes were made for residence purpose. Residential accommodation of the adjoining Trimandirwas used and nearby hotels were booked for 200 NRIs from UK, Australia, USA, Kenya, East Africa etc. countries. Arrangements for AMTS buses, private buses and icher vehicles was made for the devotees coming from 18 areas of Ahmedabad and nearby villages. On the wall just in front of the Stage of the Sabha Mandap, a background picture of moving Anant KotiBrahmand was developed. Four golf cars (vehicles)



were made available for the devotees who were unable to walk long distance. Anand Nagari was made for the children. One Sahitya Store and one karyalaya for registration for 'Shree Swaminarayan' monthly magazine and one karyalaya for main administrative office and one beautiful residence aawas for Dharmkul was made. Many life-time members and new members were registered. Many people had abandoned their addictions on this occasion.

Gurumantra is essential for entry in Bhakti Marg. As per the tradition established by Shree Hari H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj of Ahmedabad Desh offers Guru Mantra to the devotees and wife of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj offers Guru Mantra to the ladies devotees. Accordingly, in the afternoon session constantly for two days H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala had offered Guru Mantra to Haribhaktas and ladies devotees, respectively. With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj each and every devotee was offered '**Dharmvanshi Acharya Pada**' and '**DeshVibhagLekh**' free of cost to each and every

devotee. Study of this literature is very much essential for understanding the constitution of Sampradaya.

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj took personal interest and one mobile application of Kalupur temple was launched by Him wherein Darshan of temple, programmes and books etc. information can be obtained through the medium of this mobile application.

**Conclusion :** On the pious day of Dashera on 05/10/2022 the whole Dharmkul including H.H.SHRI Acharya Maharaj and thousands of devotees had performed Darshan of Rajbhog offered to Shree Narnarayandev in Kalupur temple. In the evening session, 50 learned Brahmins of different Sanskrit Pathshala of Gujarat including that of Jetalpur had performed AshirvadatmakSwastivachan in front of H.H. SHRI Acharya Maharaj. Honourable Chief Minister and former Deputy Chief Minister of the Gujarat State offered bouquet and conveyed their best wishes to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Ratri Session Nritya and decorative lights at the place of Garba had added pious ambience and beauty to the occasion and Janmotsav was celebrated with the singing of the title track of the song 'Mangal Gayo....'. while preserving Samskruti while adopting modern technology all Other Three Forms of Shree Hari had cut the cake. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had offered cake to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and thereafter H.H. Shri Raja and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had offered cake to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

On this occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj stated that, "**Individual is not important and this is the tradition of Maharaj. There is importance of this Paagh which has been offered and therefore we all have got together. We thank all of you very much.**" At last Raas-Garba was started with 'Moksha Magva Re Lol....' Pada by Premanand Swami.



# “ACHARYA VANDANA” BLESSINGS OF THREE OTHER FORMS OF SHREE HARI

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**H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj 01/10/2022:** One thing is very much famous in our Sampradaya. During the time of Maharaj there was one Satsangi tailor. He had sewed a beautiful jacket (*bandi*) with beautiful and artistic embroidery work in it. The king of Bhavnagar State came to know that this jacket (*bandi*) is very beautiful. The king called the tailor and directed him to sew similar type of jacket (*bandi*) as was sewn by him for Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Do you know what was the reply of the tailor to the king? “I may sew another Bandi, but same type of Bandi cannot be made.” When the king asked why the tailor replied, ***“In that Bandi there were stiches of my ardent affection towards my Ishtheadev.”*** This incident has been narrated because whatever *Utsavs* have been celebrated in Ahmedabad *Desh* under the auspices of Shree Narnarayandev, they all glaringly shine out because there are stiches of ardent love and affection of the saints and Bhaktas in each of these *Utsavs*.

If there is a birthday of anyone, one may celebrate it by cutting a cake, 02 or 04 persons or family may get together. In Greece we met a Britisher. He was roaming alone. When he was asked what was he doing he replied, “I am celebrating the birthday.” When asked ‘Alone?’ he said, “yes, alone.” But our family is very large and it has spread in the country and in overseas countries also and we are celebrating *Janmotsav* amidst our this larger family – our *Satsang Parivar*.

Once Maharaj was sitting in a huge Sabha and there a Gadhvi came. Looking the presence of the large number of the saints and devotees he said to Maharaj, “Hey Swaminarayan Bhagwan! How and where will you

accommodate these many persons in Akshardham?” first of all Maharaj smiled and replied, ***“Hey Gadhvi! Our Akshardham is not so tiny as your Kuba and is very vast and large capable of encompassing within it Anant KotiBrahmands.”***

Under the leadership of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the hard work of all of you saints and devotees today





celebration of our Utsav is starting amidst devotees of our country and overseas countries and what else can be of more joy? Today Sampradaya has taken a note of bright and prestigious stint of Maharaj and **at every time the task assigned to each Acharya by Shreeji Maharaj is being done and performed invariably by Acharya at that time.** Let's us pray to Shreeji Maharaj that this is an occasion of our son, and so He may remain present and He does remain present which we do feel and we are feeling it now. It is an humble prayer at lotus-like feet of Shree Narnarayandev for health and long life of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with all blessings.

**H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 02/10/2022 :** His Highness Honourable the Governor of the Gujarat State, आपकी विचारधारा के लिये जरुरी ये है की प्रकृति होगी तो जीवन होगा। as per your thinking it is absolutely necessary that life would be if there would nature. If we talk about nature in our country, from the sun to water, air, tree everything is being worshipped. Our farmers deserve congratulations... Honourable Governor sir, we will say that the farmers who are seen here are not only the farmers; they have come here as a representatives only but many more farmers have worked hard and have toiled. We believe in and it is our belief but we do not impose our beliefs on anybody. But if there is no humanity, it will not do. Swaminarayan Bhagwan has asked to cherish merit-looking perception. Do's and don'ts as to where to spit or where not to spit are described and prescribed in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and it is not a small thing. In this shloka there is a respect for the nature. The representatives who have come here are the farmers and I heartily congratulate them all. Food is our life. What shall we do if we will not get the food? Shall not we require meals at least twice in a day?

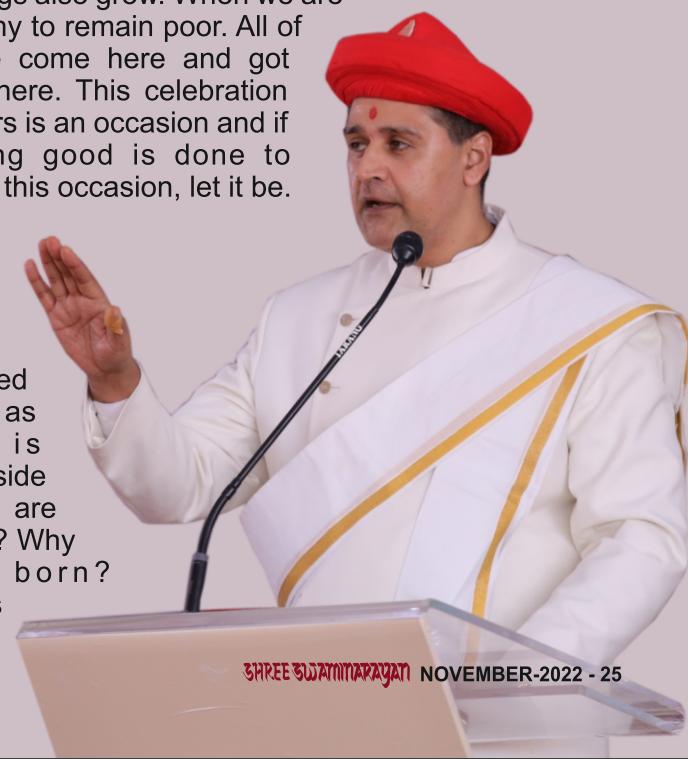
Honourable Governor sir, when you came for the first time you had taken a vow and whatever was told has not

remained merely a talk. There are so many people in this world who merely gossip. What to be done until knowledge is not put to any use? The wealth lying with others and knowledge lying the books are of no use and therefore Desh Vibhag Lekh has been given to all. Read it. It should not remain merely words. There have been a few people who have made efforts. All our family members especially H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj has worked very hard. We are very much capable. I always say that why to remain poor? Nothing is impossible. Honourable Governor, we wish that there should not be a forest of concrete. Until the trees are grown for the nature, the residency should not be developed. This is my request that if you take up the matter, the work will be done. Do we want to reside in the forest of concrete? The temperate increased by 6° degree. Trees keep the temperature down and cool down the atmosphere. However, later on trees are cut. We saw a tree being cut. When asked for its reasons it was informed that, the tree shed so many leaves. We told that let there be shedding of leaves. Where do we find the trees? Where do we find the environment? Is not there God in environment? Is it or not? Forests of concrete may be done with measurements. How shall we give the principle and tradition both? If there is nothing in us what shall we take ahead. Isn't it a fact?

From Dang to Kutch and even in Rajasthan and in Madhya Pradesh, these farmers work hard. There is sand there but the sand is not grown. The people of Rajasthan have got inspiration from you. This is not a talk of one area or direction but more than that all from all sides and directions should get its inspiration. Today everything want short cut in life. People want to be come rich overnight. Have they toiled hard in the farms and fields channelizing irrigating water towards the fields? Do you know what it means to channelizing the irrigating water? Many laugh.

Some have run away leaving it behind. This is not so in Swaminarayan Sampradaya because there is Action. This is a great thing. How much of security is required to make these people sit? But we do not require it. Life, Dharma is an education. How many of 212 shlokas do we have in our share? But I believe in one thing that it will not do if we keep sitting. We have to stand up. There is one saying in Sanskrit **एक सुभाषित है की, नहीं सुतस्य सिंहस्य प्रविश्यती मुखे मृगा “deer do not enter in the mouth of a sleeping lion.”** With the inspiration given by Mahamuni we all shall go ahead and together. Don't sell off the fields. Have mercy. You have not brought the farms, you have not purchased them either, you have received in inheritance. So do agriculture. But if you can't, at least preserve it. Get it done from others. Nowadays small things also grow. When we are so rich why to remain poor. All of you have come here and got together here. This celebration of 50 years is an occasion and if something good is done to others on this occasion, let it be.

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to be done? And what are we doing? If we get this much of knowledge, one becomes knowledgeable person. Here degree does not work nor it is of any use. This tradition is to be taken ahead. Congenial atmosphere is required to be given. I always say that, forget that by your sayings any person is going to get improved. There is so much of preaching. The scriptures are like oceans. But have we decided anything of our interest result-oriented from it? Everyone is different. People have come from London, Kenya, USA and God knows from which other places! But decide that what we need to do! Don't keep any vacuum in it. If there is any vacuum in it, keep grazing the cattle like a shepherd. We are not that. One person can take a decision. Before 507 days it was told that you are four persons. Can these four persons do work of 400 or four thousand persons? Why there is no bravery?

Farmers were honoured. What has it to do with my Janmotsav? Do you see any connection between the two? But reason was something else. Many people ask to cut the cake. But we do not want to cut the cake; rather we want to

join the cake. Different types of people live in this world and yet they live with each other. And if we can't do good to others, what is the use of this life? This is an inspiration we have got today from His Highness the Governor. We shall borrow this idea. Borrow knowledge. Nothing wrong in it.

Second thing is that there is no any chief host in this Utsav thinking that all are equal. All are equal host devotees. You know this is our tradition. There should not be any hierarchy of rows. We have proved it through the medium of Utsav. Not in words only, but in action. This is our responsibility. This is our country. Take pride in it. We can do anything. There is nothing like impossible. We have got together and now we have to go ahead. Meetings shall keep on happening, inspiration shall be received. We all shall work together unitedly. Thanks a lot Honourable Governor sir.

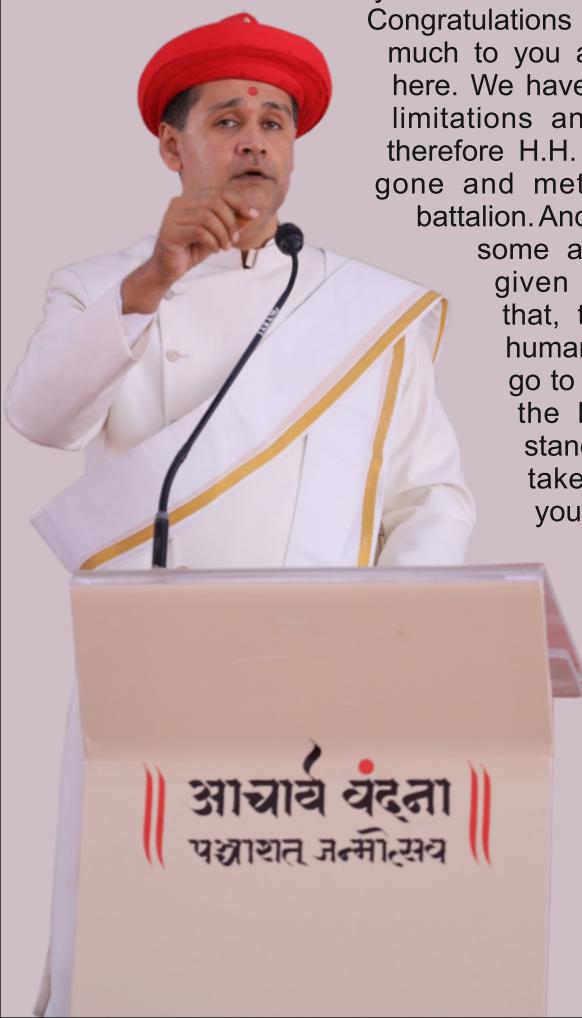
**H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 03/10/2022 (Shri Prabhatkumar Varmaji, in the presence of Member of Legislative Assembly of Gaunda district):** there are so many birth places in this world and its dispute keep on going. But today we have pride in saying this that, there is no any dispute and there will not be any dispute at our birthplace Chhapaiya, where there are our roots. For the convenience and facility of all of you plan of 153 crore+ will be there whose video was released earlier. I am not asking anything and therefore I am not telling anything. There is support of everybody. Nobody is big or small in this world. The birthplace of Bhagwan is ours and it is our pride. And so cherish this pride and there is a request to Varma sir that you have to take care of Tourism Department of India.

**H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 04/10/2022 (in the presence of Salu S. Maharana, Commandant Women Wing CRPF) :** Respected saints, dear devotees. Bharat Mata Ki Jay..... Bharat Mata Ki Jay..... Bharat Mata Ki Jay..... this is a women battalion and others from us have also come with him. They are closely known to us. We have been

to the campus, we have seen, and if any of you had been there, you would have seen it. But we are very much proud. We are proud because when you are sacrificing so much, it is an inspiration for the whole society and it is the fact. Not thinking about yourself only, you have been living for the interest of the nation thinking how other people of the country can live – this is your sacrifice.

Congratulations and thank you very much to you all. You have come here. We have got our customary limitations and restrictions and therefore H.H. Shri Gadiwala had gone and met you and women battalion. And we request you that some assignment may be given to us. Remember that, this is the work of humanity. Who is ready to go to the border and face the bullets? Come on, stand up! You can not take out a thorn from your leg.

Today our Yadv sir was to come. Once he told me, three bullets injured him in his legs and then he also did not know it. It came out subsequently. It is not a bullet. It is about the



determination. Determination for all of us in action. Ladies and gentlemen, our safety is due to the persons who have come here in uniform. Otherwise where is safety? It is not there even in our house. These people simply rush to the border without thinking about day or night. There should be patriotism? Isn't it? Why can't we be proud? Are we poor in expressing our emotions? We are rich. We are rich in our ethics which is the tradition of this country. Hearty congratulations to all women battalion members who have come here. Now let us say loudly. Bharat Mata Ki Jay.... Bharat Mata Ki Jay.... Bharat Mata Ki Jay.... Thank you so much.

**H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 05/10/2022 (on the occasion of honouring the saints with letter of appreciation):** this is not my achievement. This is your achievement. Ladies, gentlemen, young ladies and gents devotees, saints-representatives. We all are of Dev and should remain of Dev. What else is to be done? I don't know as to what work has been done in it? But I am proud that, all of your elder saints, haribhaktas have been here and we sit beside them and you know that it would not feel uncomfortable. I will place this plaque in the office but I will write that we are today due to strength of the devotees who are on the side of Dev. Organization is due to Dev. And we all are due to organization. Is there anything else? So we have to keep in mind to take pride in it. There is only one Niyam. Siddhant would come first. We did not know when and how these 50 years have passed! I don't remember even! We have performed vicharan in all the villages and ardent love and affection of all of you is the biggest achievement.

Yesterday we were sitting. About 60 devotees from Rajasthan came. Space was less and how to accommodate them all? I sat down. The devotees ardently requested to sit on a chair but I refused to have a chair. We should always remain humble. There are Vachan of Maharaj. We have to

cherish *Guna-Buddhi*. It is an humble request that our this Satsang Parivar has got together even from the overseas countries. Let it remain united and together. Give congenial atmosphere to your children. Education or preaching need not required by them. I will not take much time. Congratulations to all of you.

**H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj 05/10/2022:** Today I consider myself very much lucky because in the presence of my grandson, 50-Janma Divas of my son is being celebrated. I remember, when H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj attained one year and it was his first birthday and at that time we had took him with us in a Sabha and had make him sit on Gadi beside me. No any separate chair was placed. Our father had told me that, the moment a son is born at the house of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, he becomes entitled to the seat from that day and no any separate ritual is required to be performed for it. My father had also told me that from the date of holy-thread ceremony, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj becomes eligible to offer Guru Mantra and Saint Diksha and to perform Murti Pratistha. During our time as H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, we had offered Diksha to many



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saints, especially saints of Bhuj and Guru Mantra has been offered to innumerable devotees and have also performed Murti Pratistha in many temples. This is a tradition of Ahmedabad Desh. This is a treasure which has to be preserved by all of you. Sardar Patel did a commendable work for the country. He merged all princely stated and unified them with the country. Those who did not agree, ran away. The Nawab of Junagadh did not agree and so he had to run away to Pakistan. Similarly, it is a matter of pride that H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has merged a number of different trusts into Shree Narnarayandev Trust and has been doing it and in real sense each and every temple is being brought under the auspices of Shree Narnarayandev. Documents of old Hari Mandir or temples with domes used to be executed in the name of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj during the time of H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj. By virtue of holding the seat of Acharya, there is one tradition, one Niyam. Today Maharaj has been doing this commendable work and has been convincing others and sometimes fear is also shown; but all this is for Shree Narnarayandev Diocese. Your trust has been given in writing to Shree Narnarayandev. Nobody is going to take away the temple. On the contrary when any assistance is required, it will be extended from Kalupur temple.

Heartiest congratulations to H.H. Shri Lalji



Maharaj because earlier the knowledge which was being imparted in college is not being imparted at school level. The work which was being done by us when we became mature after attaining certain age, is being done by him at this tender age. And this is a matter of pride. All of you make efforts so that he gets strength, nourishment and approval and we are proud that you have been doing it. Our blessings to all.

**H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 05/10/2022 :**First of all Honourable the Chief Minister and Shri Nitinbhai Patel and other dignitaries who have come here to convey their wishes thinking themselves as member of this family. First of all , we warmly welcome you on behalf of the whole organization and our family. When large number of saints and haribhaktas from Desh and overseas countries have got together, we would like to inform you that, whatever planning has been made here is done within only 15 days. When the preparations were going on, many questions came. It was the time of the rainy season. And there was rain in every part of Gujarat till 15<sup>th</sup> September; and there were forecast about the rains even during the pious Navratri festivals. And it was a big question to work and organize such a big utsav. There were different challenges at the time of Parv. It was the Corona period. And yet with the blessings of Bhagwan, the Corona vanished by arrival of the crucial time; similarly, the rain has vanished away at the time of this Utsav. Everything is possible when Bhagwan is with us. Our Shree Narnarayandev is present during Utsav Samaiya and we all have realized it.

As a son I consider myself very much lucky that we have got such a Maharaj with us and I have got him as my father and I am very much proud of it! (at that time H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj stood up and embraced H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj) because nobody has seen him so closer as I working hard day and night for this Sampradaya and for Satsang. H.H. Shri Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Raja or H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole of our family has seen it very closely. I am not telling about his Tyag and Samarpan from the point of view praise but, we have seen it from our childhood. Be it family time with us or his any other programme - he has put aside everything and has given priority to this Satsang. How these Haribhaktas may come closer to Bhagwan and how they all become happy has been his first and foremost goal in life. In original Sampradaya, no any person is worshipped. This is a place of Dev and due to Him there is importance of this Gadi and therefore



poojan is performed of this place. There is pride for the place and to maintain this pride is the responsibility of all saints and Bhaktas of Sampradaya. Not of last 18 years, but from our early childhood, more than 1000 photos, selected by H.H. Shri Raja, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and me from our personal library have been placed in the Exhibition which all of you can see. Photos from Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj and present H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj have been placed. You all saints and Haribhaktas have seen that, be it Rajat Jayant Mahotsav, Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav or Shatamrit Mahotsav, he has been keeping all together and working hard from the time when he was not on the seat of Acharya.

On the occasion of the birthday, all express best wishes with gifts. But today it is 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and one gift is to be given on this occasion. We all are sitting here, because we are of Dev. If we stick to the principle which has been offered to original Sampradaya by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, it would be the biggest gift. Saints have come even from Bhuj and large number of haribhaktas have come from distant places and overseas countries to convey their wishes. They deserve all praise. one Utsav is not over and second Utsav is coming and from that point of view from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 our Muli Utsav is coming. Bhagwan Swaminarayan has established 09 Mahamandirs. And



200<sup>th</sup> year Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Muli temple (second of these nine temples) is going to be celebrated. The history of the temple is very long and we cordially invite you all to avail the benefit of this divine Utsav. We all have to join in this Utsav. It is an humble prayer that, our Nishtha towards Shree Narnarayandev may be increased through such Utsavs.

**H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj**  
**05/10/2022** : Respected Bhupendrabhai CM sir and Shri Nitinbhai. Both of are very successful and they are our neighbours. All of you are our strength and this is a fact. All of you remain educated. I don't mean primary education but Dharmik education. If you will remain educated in principles, strength of the organization will increase and our organization will prosper. This is Sanatan Satya. Will you believe? Complaint comes only from those who nourish. On the one hand, you nourish and on the other hand you complain. But everything happens due to Dev. Do we have any separate independent existence? What is our eligibility? If you cannot read the books and scriptures, their audio books are prepared for you only. All the arrangements are for you only.

The main thing is that, here every visitor is an equal. And even the amount accepted is uniform. It is only Rs. 5,000/- not even Rs. 10,000/-. One can offer, if one cherishes faith. People make statements like anything. Do you know that

people hurl even abuse at us? But we are proud to say that there will be talk about the organization only. It is a big that, Dev and organization are with us. We have to think over it. We are not a cattle herd. We have equality but not of the ship. All of you have got a unique intelligence. I borrow intelligence, not money. When people hailed Bharat Mata Ki Jay at the time of honouring the commandant of Ladies Battalion, it felt now things are going on in right direction. Think first what is Dharma? Dharma begins at home. We have to provide atmosphere and I believe in it. If you force your children to come with you at the temple, one day they will force you and bring down from the temple. We have to give such an atmosphere that, child of even the third generation holds the finger and comes to the temple for Darshan. Our temples are there from New Zealand till North East Canada and there are also community centres. For whom are they all? An average age may be of 28 years, so don't impose discipline upon those who are taking care of and doing administration. In Canada we got Khichdi even at the time when the temperature was -30° Celsius. Even today I listen and imbibe old talks from our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Observe, think and follow. Don't shut up anybody if he asks a question. It is our duty to complete the curiosity of those who ask the questions. What shall we give if we are not educated in the principles of our Sampradaya? What is there in Vachanamrit? It should not be "Don't ask to me a question." Maharaj has stood up at midnight and has invited to ask the questions. Shiksha Patri is not so big. There are only 212 Shlokas and therein also everything is not in our part so this may be kept in mind.

All of you are sitting here peacefully. Where does one get peace? Nowhere. So take pride in it. What we have got is not with anybody else; so take pride in it. So more you will be educated, better it would be for you and our organization. If one has a perspective, one can learn from every place. Feeling of a family is itself a great thing. Why idol images of Dharmdev and Bhaktimata have been invoked in Kalupur temple? One gets Darshan of family-values. Respect each other. Don't humiliate anybody. Elders should take care of the little ones. When you perform Darshan in



Kalupur temple, just think on these aspects also. One should not go with a file full of assignments. Bhagwan is not our dadia (daily-wager). I hope the youngsters will understand the word 'Dadia'. If we go to Bhagwan without any selfish motive, he will be very much pleased. We shall never make any compromise in the principles. Whatever is of Dev, should remain of Dev. And after ensuring that, it becomes of Dev, we return it. Don't we? A huge project is going on in Chhapaiya. For whom? Everything is with us and yet we are living as if we are poor and wretched. If any Britisher or a foreigner comes from outside and tells us that your things are really good, then only we believe in. Do you require a stamp of approval from anybody else? Respected CM sir. Earlier in the Sabha I had, "**India is the first one country, all others are third one countries. Why we are not proud of it?**" We are competent. I can prove by bringing the database but we have not much time so will not say much. We also have to preserve our tradition. How lucky is Ahmedabad Desh! Since the time of the birth of

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and then at the time of Yagnopavit ritual (holy-thread ceremony), at 18<sup>th</sup> year and at 21<sup>st</sup> year nomination is done legally. Otherwise as H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj said, there is always a Dharmik Parampara!

Sir, we are proud for your humbleness and simplicity. We know it. We know you from other way also. There are method for identification. Here there is no worship of a person or an individual. If you remain of Dev, we shall be Yours. Services of all of you have to be remembered. Before 14 days, when there were heavy rains, it appeared quite impossible to make you sit at the place where all of you are sitting right now. But in every Utsav, we realize divine presence of our Bhagwan being with us. Thanks to all of you. This Utsav has been made possible with the prayer and performing Mala of the people who are sitting in the last row. There are so many people who have rendered their services while remaining behind the curtain. Even the devotees who have come from abroad, they have also rendered their services. At least they have spent money for one airfare ticket and they have offered their time. And that also during the present time! What can be greater contribution? During the time of Maharaj, people used to render their services for 15 days, one month etc. so enjoy a lot but while remaining under Maryada. Is a birthday a big thing! A day is over, the date is changed but nothing is changes and everything is same. But if you do not render your services for Bhagwan, what's the use of it? Mere performing Mala would not work. There are people, who cannot sleep if their pillow is changed or the place of sleeping is changed. But we have keep visiting from one village to another and yet we get a sound sleep. So don't advance an excuse of a pillow. If you do not get sleep, it means that either your mind is working too much or it is working in wrong direction. There is one very popular word in UP 'Mufart' (speaking the truth on the face). I come under that definition. I will say the truth, whatever it will be. I have taken much of your time. Thank you all very much.





## **(FROM BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA ON THE OCCASION OF EKADASHI SATSANG SABHA (KALUPUR TEMPLE – HAVELI) “WHY ONE DOES NOT GET TRUPTI EVEN AFTER PERFORMING BHAKTI ?”**

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We all have got together here in the chawk of Shree Narnarayandev and it is not the result of this birth only. The curiosity and desire emerge in our mind and heart to perform Bhajan and to achieve Bhagwan. Why it emerges? So the first thing is that there is a seed of our Karmas of our previous lives and therefore it happens. Secondly what does a seed require to flourish? It requires nourishment and once it gets the nourishment, what is inside the seed emerges out of it. So we have done it earlier (and do it right now also) and then also we do not get the desired result. And we are not satisfied with whatever we get. What is the reason for it? The reason is that our relationship with Bhagwan is based upon 99% selfishness and the reason for it is fulfillment of our desires and wishes. And here problem starts. We start observing any Niyam, Vrata etc. and expect something selfish and we cherish too much of expectations that Bhagwan would fulfill them while going against the natural laws! This would not happen. Bhagwan runs the whole universe with one Niyam and what is that Niyam? So all know that a person will get the result of the actions he will perform in his life. So it is not possible that, everything I demand will be provided to me. If

we make a commitment that, if our any particular desire is fulfilled or particular work is accomplished we would offer two kg of sweets. Is not like offering bribe to Bhagwan? Just as we see happening in the government offices. In some offices there is also a condition of fifty percent advance payment. But to Bhagwan we do not offer anything in advance. Everything after the completion of the work or fulfillment of our desire. We do not have trust on Bhagwan, as we have upon human beings. This is a fundamentally wrong thing. One day I received a telephonic call from a lady devotee. She told me that she had observed Badha that if her son would get well, Gol (jaggery) would be offered at Tordadham the birthplace of Sadguru Shri Gopalnand Swami. The son told the mother that, Bhagwan cannot be tied in this way. In stead it should be told that, let's take the jaggery in advance, offer it and make an humble prayer to Bhagwan to always remain with them. How great was the understanding of that child! The meaning here is that, we should not work with Bhagwan with any conditions. What would happen if Bhagwan would start breaking Niyam? However, Bhagwan would never do it. Bhagwan never cuts Vidhan of Karma. For example in Ramayan, Dashrath Raja expired while Bhagwan Shree Rama was in Vanvaas. Being

Bhagwan, Rama could have avoided death of his father in such a situation, but He did not do it and allowed the things to happen. Yeah, in certain very rare cases, Bhagwan grants concession but that too in very exceptional cases. If we are going on the road, and someone comes and begs for the money or food, we give. But if he gives something more, we don't give because we do not know him. So when there is no familiarity, there are some but natural restrictions. When our relations are close, our natural ability to give and receive increases. And if we are 100% Ashrit for example if they are our family members like children, parents then everything is received without demanding anything. And family members also do not aspire to ask for anything because he knows that all the wishes are fulfilled. Prahlad was an ardent devotee of Bhagwan and so when Bhagwan told him to demand anything. Prahlad replied that being a servant he cannot ask for anything. But since you have given me the directions to demand, being a servant I can't disobey that direction. And so he ardently requested Bhagwan to give him such powers that he may never feel like asking for anything.

So we should ask something from Bhagwan which is just and proper and which is in our interest. This is my desire. Because in fact there is no end to the worldly desires and wishes of any person. And this shakes our faith. If our desire and wishes are not fulfilled, our faith is shaken or decreased. And if our wishes are fulfilled, our faith and Shraddha increases. So the base of our Shraddha is sometimes fulfillment of our desires and wishes. But this should not be. We need to control and regulate our mind. We should not cherish any wish or desire. Once our Buddhi decides, our mind is controlled. To understand this better, let us see this one example. For example, we like the sweet called Gulabjamun very much. We feel it very much to enjoy it and after one week we get the sweet to eat. So we

immediately get ready to take it, our hand is stretched, we hold the sweet in our hand and stretch it towards our mouth by opening our mouth. At that time, one of our friends prevents us from eating the sweet, informing us that there is poison in it and so you should not eat it. Immediately we put down our hand and leave the sweet. Our Buddhi takes a decision that this sweet is not worth my eating and so in a fraction of a second our mind is controlled and regulated.

Right now all of you have come here and are sitting in NarnarayanChawk and all of you come regularly for Satsang on every pious day of Ekadashi. Why do you come so regularly? Because whatever is really required by me for my 'Kalyan' is being given and offered here. And that My Kalyan will be done through this chawk of Shree Narnarayandev only. And therefore all of you are sitting here. So what we talked earlier about the seed and Karma of our previous lives. Our seed is already there lying in us. We need to nurture and nourish it with appropriate atmosphere and this we are getting from here, from this pious place. In the above example, one of our friends prevented us from eating the sweet informing us that there is poison in it. So Bhagwan has also created scriptures for us and through all these scriptures, Bhagwan has told us that happiness and pleasures of this world are like vicious honey and they are not worth eating. But we do not believe in the words of the scriptures. If our friend says that this sweet is poisonous, we believe in the words. But we do not believe in the words of Bhagwan. So there is only one way of solution. To make Bhagwan our friend and to decide in our mind that whatever is stated by our friend i.e. Bhagwan that the pleasures and happiness of this world are like poison then as a friend we shall start believing in these words. And then gradually we shall also see that appropriate result of our Karma is also being received by us. So we need to develop appropriate relationship with Bhagwan and there would be solution to all of our questions and queries.

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