

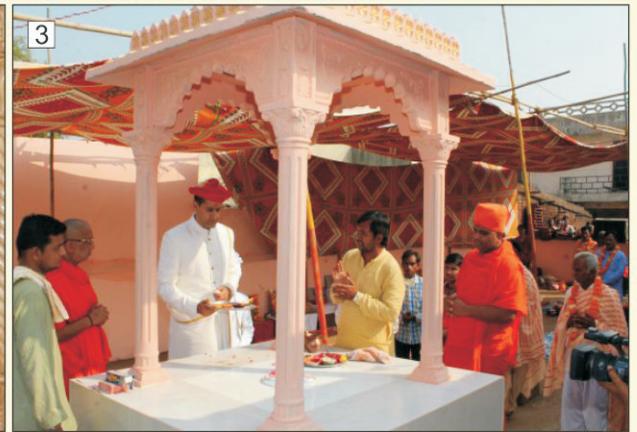
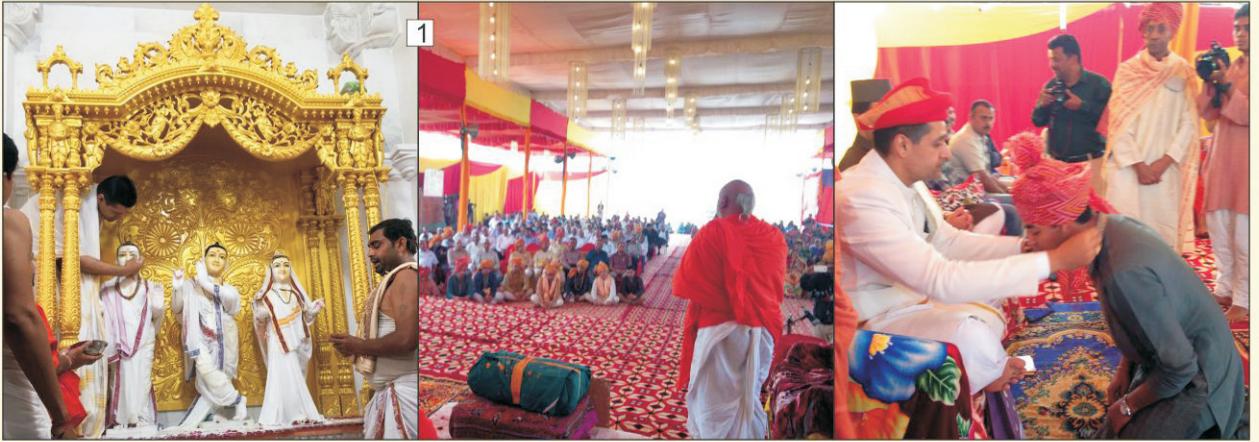
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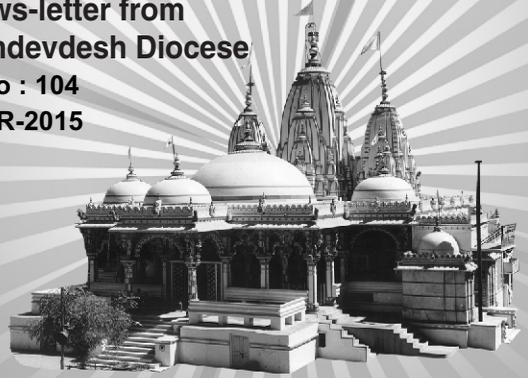
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अस्मादिषदा

A devotee of Bhagwan, while performing Mansi Pooja of Bhagwan or performing Dhyani of Bhagwan, first of all gets reminded of all his previous defeats caused by five senses or by Desh-Kal-Yog. Just like a brave man returning from the battlefield cannot get sound sleep till his injured parts of the body are healed and pain is not removed. Similarly, injuries caused to a devotee by Kaal, Kriya, Sang (company) of bad people or situation, will be healed first before initiating into Navadha Bhakti. Once this is done, it should be considered that Bhakti of such a devotee is very firm and determined.

Dear devotees, it is always be kept in mind that all of us should always ardently beseech our Maharaj in our prayer that we may always be protected from any such attacks of Panch-Vishay, which are bad in nature and injurious to our spiritual health.

From 16th December onwards pious Dhanur Maas will begin. All Haribhaktas residing in Ahmedabad may not miss to avail the divine benefit of performing Dhoon of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra being performing in the early morning in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

(NOVEMBER-2015)

10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli.
11. Graced and concluded Group Sharda Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad.
12. Performing Shangar Aarti and Annakut Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev on the pious day of Nutan Varsh.
15. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach, Bapunagar.
16. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria on the occasion of Patotsav of Balswaroop Kasthhanjandev.]
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar on the occasion of Muhurt of new temple.

17. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nathdwara on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 18 to 23. Graced Perth (Australia)
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Siddhpur on the occasion of Patotsav.
24. Graced village Bilodara on the occasion of Katha.
26. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dadusar (of Muktaraj Galuji) on the occasion of Murti-Pratistha.
27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar on the occasion of Dasabdi Mahotsav.
- 28 to 30 Graced Prayagraj on the occasion of Murti Pratistha of new Shree Swaminarayan temple.

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Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

**SPECIAL DHARMS OF Married Women
(159-162)**

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Married women shall serve and worship their husbands in the manner in which they serve and worship God, even if they are either blind, ailing, poor or impotent and shall never utter harsh words to them.

**Sabhartrukabhirnaribhiha Sevyaha
Svapatirishavat |**

**Andho Rogi Daridro Va Shardho
Vachyam Na Durvachaha ||159||**

Lord Swaminarayan over four Shlokas gives the additional duties applying to married women. A Sabhartrukabhirnari is a woman who lives with her Swami (husband); such a Suvasini (whose husband is alive) should serve (Seva) their husbands (Svapati) in the manner they serve God, even if they are blind (Andha), ailing (Rogi), poor (Daridra) or impotent (Shardo).

Sabhartrusevanameva Tasaam Mukhyo Dharmaha – their foremost duty is to serve their husband explains Shatanand. Narad in Shrimad Bhagwat explains, 'those women like Goddess Laxmi, who serve their husband with the affection that they are serving God enjoy great bliss with their husbands in Vaikuntha Dhaam.' Lord Shri Krishna in Bhagwat has also said, 'O gopis! To serve one's husband without treachery is your highest duty (Param Dharma). To serve your husband's family and to raise progeny is your best duty (Shresta Darma). O Gopis! Even if

your husband is of unfavourable qualities, of undesirable fate, old, foolish, ailing or poor, your should never leave your husbands for any reason other than if he commits a great sin such as murder (in which case he should be served from afar). Kashyapa has said, 'A wife's greatest strength and lustre is her husband.'

Secondly, they should never utter harsh words towards their husband – Vaachyam Na Durvachaha. Yagnavalkya explains, 'Women should never speak harsh words. The husband should always act favourably and suitably. The wife should obey and respect the wishes of her husband – that is her greatest Dharma. Also if her husband is endowed with sinful qualities, then should remain with him and wait for her husband to become cleansed of such sin.'

Narad summarises by saying, 'Wives should serve their husbands in the manner that they serve God. She should be favourable towards his wishes, affectionate towards his family and always acting in accordance with his wishes. She should maintain the house by seeing to household duties such as cleaning, dusting and making the house attractive. She should adorn clothes to make herself look attractive. She should always dress respectfully by wearing clothes and accessories that suitably cover her body.'

The Pati (husband) should be considered as Vishnu and the Patni (wife) as Laxmi. In this way they should look upon each other and treat each other with

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respect. She should strive to make her husband happy and treat his family like her own. She should raise their children, instilling righteous qualities within them. She should never think to leave her husband in times of difficulty but stay at the side of her husband as Shakti Rupa (strength and support) and work to resolve the situation and remain content in good times as well as bad.

Text – 160

They shall never keep contact with any young man other than their husband even though the other man may be handsome and virtuous.

Shatanand explains that married women should not repeatedly look at other men, speak with them or stay/remain with them. Shree Shankar in Anushasan Parva explains, 'Young women who are Pativrata or of righteous qualities degenerate through association with other young men. Similarly a man also faces destruction through the association of women.' For this reason, one should refrain from contact with a person of the opposite sex. One should refer to Brahmaivrata Purana and others for Pativrata Dharma.

Shatanand explains that the use of 'Cha' suggests that women should never

be left alone or act independently. Thus she should be cherished, respected and cared for always. Parashar Smruti explains:

Pitarakshati Kaumare Bharta

Rakshati Yauvane |

Bardvake Putrapautradhya Nasti

Striraam Svatantrata ||

'In young age, she should be protected (or cared for) by her father, in youthful age by her husband in old age by her children or grandchildren. In this way she should never be left alone to fend for herself.'

Madhava explains the consequences of Svatantrata (living alone): 'Those Sadhva (married) or Vidhva (widowed) women who live alone face destruction of their Dharma.' A married woman should stay aloof of somebody of the opposite sex. In situations where she has to speak with men, she should remain ever ready and strong to root out any desires. She should always try to avoid such situations or places and never joke or fool with other men. This is in order to remain ever faithfully to her husband and to protect her Paativratya Dharma. (As discussed earlier, it is very easy for a man or woman, however devoted or disciplined they may be, to fall servant to desires, especially those pertaining to lust.)

Suggestion to outstation Haribhaktas visiting Ahmedabad temple

All outstation Haribhaktas and devotees who visit Ahmedabad temple are hereby informed that, it is required to give advance intimation to Kothar office of the temple if they intend to overstay or avail benefit of Prasad in the temple premises. Registration about the number of persons overstaying or availing Prasad may be done telephonically on number 079-22132127. For overstay Mobile No. Bhaveshbbhai : 6913537035 and Mohanbhai : 9558164541.

RALIYATKUNVARBA OF UNAVA

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)



During the times of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, village Unava was very famous for the ardent love and affection of the devotees of the village. Even Maharaj was very much happy with the ardent love and affection of the devotees of Unava village. Once when Maharaj graced the village, all the villagers organized and performed grand Samaiyu with music band. The rose-water was being sprinkled on the path. Devotee Shri Ramdas Bapa, the Mukhi of the village and his Kulguru Lalshankar Mehta and other fifty leading devotees would come bare-footed to welcome Maharaj and the whole village would follow them. Even the pregnant women would join them holding their two-three months old kids in their hands.

Once message of arrival was Maharaj was received very late by the villagers of Unava. Maharaj starting from Sadra had already reached upto the field of Ramdas Bapa. At that time, Ramdas Bapa was collecting flowers from the plants. He was surprised to see Maharaj. Immediately Ramdas Bapa sent the message of arrival of Maharaj to the villagers. The message became so viral that it also reached to the nearby villages of Aamja, Chandisana and Pratappura. All eager devotees just rushed to the field of Ramdas Bapa. Some of them fell down and got themselves injured. However, all such devotees forgot their miseries and injuries the moment they got divine Darshan of Maharaj.

Maharaj was very much pleased at the ardent love and affection of the villagers and there were tears of

happiness in the eyes of Maharaj on this occasion. Maharaj promised all those devotees, who got themselves injured while running to get divine Darshan, that Maharaj would come to bring them at their end time and they would be kept with Anant Mukta permanently and would be granted perennial pleasure of divine Darshan of Maharaj.

At that time Sadguru Gopalanand Swami was also accompanying Maharaj. He was surprised at this and so he asked Maharaj, "Who would have granted such a deep knowledge of forgetting themselves while performing divine Darshan of Bhagwan?" Maharaj smiled and answered, "This knowledge is given by my Masi (amaternal aunt)."

Maharaj used to call Raliyatba as 'Masi' because she was the sister of Gangaba of Jetalpur, whom Maharaj used to call as 'Maa' (Mother). On the pious day of Bhadarva Sud-09 Samvat 1812 Friday and on date 03/09/1756 Raliyatba was born to the house of Premkunvarba (the daughter of Vedpathi Brahmin of Vaniyaveda). She was the loved daughter of Bhudarji Mheta of Nardipur, who was very much respected by the kings of North Gujarat. In Nardipur there is Ashram of 'Lambenarayan' and earlier there was Sanskrit Pathshala of Nagar at this place. Bechar Raval of Unava had obtained the degrees of 'Prakand' of Kashi and 'Mahopadhyaya' and he used to come to Nardipur quite often with Ramanand Swami, Guru of his father. He was renowned for his knowledge. Though father of Raliyatba

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was unwilling, yet with the pressure of Ramanand Swami, Raliyatba was got married with Bechar Raval, who was twenty five years older than her on the pious day of Akhatrij Samvat 1829.

The in-laws of Raliyatba was leading Brahmin family of Brahmpuri and they were responsible for conducting 'Gram Yagna'. The grand father-in-law of Raliyatba had brought fire from the place of famous Jwalamukhi goddess situated in Himachal Pradesh an since then divine power of the Havankund had increased. People who would offer Ghee in this Havankund, would get their desires and wishes fulfilled. However, later on this ritual become violent and people and kings of the neighbouring states started sacrificing animals and even the captive prisoner human being to get their desires and wishes fulfilled.

It was Raliyatba, who had also studied Political Science, convinced other kings to request the Britishers to intervene to stop this violent ritual and with the strenuous efforts of Raliyatba, this could be done when the British Government permanently established a small military unit near Unava and issued standing instructions that Palli of Rupal would be started only after happy and peaceful conclusion of Ratri Yagna of goddess of Brahmin devotee Raliyatba. This tradition is continued even today. Raliyatba also did another good thing. She stopped the strange practice of checking of women field-workers, who used to carry the bundles of crops on their heads.

Raliyatba also undertook the social service of rejuvenating the five thousand years old Gangajali Step Well. But since Gaekwad State authorities left the work half-way as the clay and sand dug out of

the step-well was stolen away by the villagers. Gradually, small lake was developed at the place and today people know the place as Raliyat Wav' or 'Dami (Damaji) Wav'.

Raliyatba did forth social work of settling people of Harijan community in her village. These people of Harijan community were invited from Pethapur village. With the help of Rajba Raliyatba obtained the land for cultivation and a small well for these people in the center of the village. Even the fourth share of the holy fruit being offered in the beginning of Gram-Yagna was started being offered to these people of Harijan community with the initiative and efforts of Raliyatba.

Raliyatba also did fifth religious work of installing idol image of Bhagwan Shree Krishna in the temple of Lord Shiva of village Unava. In the temple of Champakeshwar Mahadev of Unava, idol images of Radha Krishna were installed and thereafter Jay Bhole Mandal and Yamuna Vihari Mandal were established and Bhajan competition was being held and prizes to winners were distributed in the temple premises. She had also got established Sarayu Vihari Mandal of Ramji temple and Audha Mandal of Uddhav Sampradaya.

Raliyatba also did sixth religious work of eradicating superstition and blind faith which were prevailing in the area. At that time Karsandas, Manor Barot and Jiva Raval were learning Dasmahavidhya of Kamru Desh from Pibek Poojari of Bhairav deity and its all expenses were being sponsored by the Gaiekwar State. At that time Bhagwan Shree Hari identified these three Muktas and gave His introduction and asked them to leave the demon Pibek and He would come to their places to meet them.

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EXPERIENCING DIVINE HAPPINESS THROUGH CHESTANA PADO

- Compilation by Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)



Nand Saints would have been performing divine Darshan of natural Chestas of Shree Hari and then they would be such a divine experience that the same cannot be described by the pen. When they would be mesmerized during such moments, Padas of Chesta of Shree Hari would be coming out from their mouth spontaneously. And listening to such Padas of Chesta, even Shree Hari would have been very happy. Because in this way only they would have been expressing the divine love and affection towards each other.

Even today Haribhaktas and devotees perform singing of Padas of Chesta of Shree Hari as daily routine and perform Sayan of Shree Hari. If the devotees do not have convenience to go to the temple in the evening, all the family members of the devotee get together in

their house and perform Nitya Nyam and Padas of Chesta in front of Shreeji Maharaj.

Some devotees simply chant such Padas of Chesta mechanically, which does not bring any pleasure to them nor do they obtain pleasure of Maharaj. Therefore, many times we have heard our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj telling in the sabha that all of us should perform Padas of Chesta very slowly and every time remembering the idol image in our mind.

Premanand Swami has narrated Leela Prakriti of Shree Hari very vividly in first 10 Padas and while chanting these Padas we get divine pleasure which would have certainly be enjoyed and experienced by the Nand Saints. There are many Padas created by Nishkulanand Swami and we should make efforts to remember them. Thousands of devotees come to our temples for Nitya Darshan. So while performing divine Darshan of the idol images of the deities of the temples, we get reminded of beautiful Padas of Shree Premanand Swami wherein Mangala Swaroop of Rangmahol Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj or Harikrishna Maharaj has been narrated very beautifully.

Shangaar of Shree Hari has also been beautifully narrated by Premanand Swami in 'Mare Aurade Re...' Pada. So while performing divine Darshan of the deities of the temple, we get reminded of many such Padas. In fact, we should perform divine Darshan of the deities and their idol images while chanting these Padas of Chesta in our mind. Therefore, it is prayed at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, everyday all of us perform chanting of Padas of Chesta of Shree Hari.

SMRUTI-ROOP HARI MANDIR IN HOUSE OF PRASADI OF VAJIBA

Sarvavatari Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has graced Vijapur many times and has performed many divine Charitra and thereby land of Vijapur has become pious. In Vijapur the great Muktatma Vajiba was residing and now Hari-Mandir of Shree Narnarayandev Desh has been created at the place of her house which has been graced by Charnarvind of Shree Hari. One divine Charitra of Shree Hari of this place is being described

here very briefly.

One person named Lalji Desai was residing in Visnagar, he was the representative appointed by the Government and he was totally against

Shreeji Maharaj and therefore he used to torture lacs of farmers residing in Vadnagar, Visnagar, kalol, Vijapur, kadi, Patan, Siddhpur, Mahesana and Kheralu Gaekwad State. Diwan of Vadodara was also Dweshi against Satsang and therefore saints of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan were being driven out from the Gaiekwar State.

Sister Udaykunvarba and nephew Baldev of this Lalji Desai were ardent devotees as they were devout Satsangis. Once this Lalji Desai came to the house of Vajiba situated in Navdhariya Faliya of Vijapur village. He called Vajiba and

asked her the reason of her becoming an ardent devotee of Swaminarayan Sampradaya leaving Bava, Vairagi whom she used to believe in and offer alms. Vajiba replied with a smiling face that out of her experience she had realized and found that these Bava, Vairagis are hypocrites whereas Swaminarayan is Bhagwan Himself and great Rishi-Munis like Devarshi Narad, Shukdevji, Sankadik are His worshippers. She also requested

Lalji Desai to become a devotee of Swaminarayan Sampradaya. But Lalji Desai was cherishing the misconception in his mind that Black Magic is being exercised in Sampradaya and therefore he

was eager to captivate and imprison Shree Hari.

During one of His vicharan to Vijapur from Gadhdha, Shree Hari tested the faith and trust of Vajiba, and Vajiba came out victorious winning the heart of Shree Hari. Even during the night-stay at the residence of Vajiba, Shree Hari performed divine Leela of touching the Peepal tree while sleeping in the bed and removing the well aside which was situated between the Tulsi Plant and Peepal tree.

In the morning when Vajiba woke up,



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she realized that Shree Hari had graced her house in the guise and form of Brahmchari. This place of Prasadi with Charnarvind of Shree Hari was being maintained in a very simple manner. But now with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj when members of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal-Hirawadi went to Vijapur to perform divine Darshan of this place of Prasadi, a discussion was held among them and as per the suggestion of Mahant Shri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple and under the guidance of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, these devotees met the local people and discussed about constructing a temple at this Place of Prasadi. All local people and the devotees very enthusiastic about it and within just one month the place of Prasadi was nicely cleaned. When H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the place to perform divine Darshan, an humble reminder was made to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and a Sabha was conducted at the place wherein all Haribhaktas and devotees rendered their beautiful services, the legal procedure of documentation of acquiring the land for the purpose of temple and completing the requirements of transferring the land in local records of

Nagarpalika etc. local bodies was also completed very smoothly and thereafter within a short span of two years, construction work of Hari-Mandir was completed under the guidance of Shri P.P. Swami.

Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of Pran-Pratistha and now all devotees of the nearby villages come here to perform divine Darshan on every pious day of Poonam and saints of Mandal of Shri P.P. Swami come here and grant the benefit of Satsang to all the devotees. On the pious day of Guru-Purnima devotee Shri Jayantibhai Sutariya of Bapunagar had performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti, Katha-Varta at this place and large number of devotees performed poojan of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Now the devotees come to this place on every pious day of Poonam to perform divine Darshan and their wishes and desires get fulfilled. It is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, let all such places of Prasadi be developed like this Place of Prasadi of Vajiba of Vijapur.

(- Kamleshbhai Patel - support by Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar))

Renovation of Akshar Bhuvan temple in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Mahraj renovation of Akshar Bhuvan temple situated in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur is going on and therefore those devotees who intend to render their beautiful services they may do the same by depositing cash, cheque or draft in Kothar Office of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad-380001 Phone No. 079-22132170.

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Festival of Diwali has gone now. All utsavs of Diwali have been celebrated in traditional way in our temples. But from this year, poojan of Dhanteraj has begun in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Laxmi-poojan of gold and silver coins was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Vedic tradition through Gor of Museum. Since it was being organized for the first time, there was a bit confusion about the devotees availing the benefit of this divine Darshan; however large number of devotees and haribhaktas participated and availed the benefit of divine Darshan and those who could not also expressed their regret.

On this occasion, the whole Museum was decorated with LED Lights and about 3000 lamps. In the evening at 6.30 hours, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced Museum and musical band filled up the atmosphere with divine spiritual music. Thereafter, in Hall No.8 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed poojan of gold and silver coins placed in front of idol image of Shree Narnarayandev. The coins registered by the devotees in advanced were offered to them by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and to ladies devotees by H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala. On this occasion Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple delivered the inspirational speech. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the Haribhaktas and devotees. Prasad was also offered to all the devotees. Some of the devotees, who had missed registering their names in advance, had obtained their coins from Shree Swaminarayan Museum after this divine occasion was over.

- Praful Kharsani

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List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna November-2015

Rs.1,85,200/- Akshar Nivasi Bachiba Shre Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur Haveli with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj	Rs.10,000/- Rs.5,500/- Rs.5,000/-	Minaben K. Joshi-Bopal. Madhubha Takhubha Gohil-Bharuch. Prfulbhai M. Patel-U.S.A.
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List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum November-2015

06/11/2015	Ishwarbhai Gangarambhai Patel-Memnagar.
10/11/2015	Host devotee Shree Shyam Ravjibhai Patel, Ankit Ravjibhai Patel on the occasion of poojan of Shree Hanumanji on pious day of Kali Chaudas.
15/11/2015	Dr. Mayurbhai Patel-Memnagar.
27/11/2015	Manji Lalji Hirani (Sukhparwala) U.K.

Miracle of rendering services in Shree Swaminarayan Museum

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev, Satsang has nourished very well in Soja village of our Shree Narnarayandev Desh. One Satsangi devotee Darbar Dabhi Bakulsinh Vajesinh has been residing in this village Soja. Five years ago, his economical condition was very poor. At that time, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the nearby village and inspired the devotees to render their services for Shree Swaminarayan Museum. This devotee Bakulsinh Vajesinh desired to render services of Rs.5,000/- for this noble cause. However, he was not having any money. But he was determined to render his services, and so he borrowed an amount of Rs.5,000/- from one of his friends for this purpose, and the friend happily lent the money. The devotee Bakulsinh Vajesinh rendered the services of Rs.5,000/- in Shree Swaminarayan Museum and obtained its receipt and felt greatly relieved.

During these five years, there was so much blessings and mercy of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Shreeji Maharaj that now he is very rich and happy. Shreeji Maharaj returned his services rendered by him five years ago with utmost faith.

Recently on 28/10/2015, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints graced his bungalow on the pious occasion of Mahapooja organized by the devotee. Devotee Bakulsinh Vajesinh rendered beautiful services on this occasion and obtained blessings and pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul. Such miracles continue to happen and even today many devotees feel the divine presence of Shreeji Maharaj in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. (Mahant Shastri Swami Nana P.P. Swami, Gandhinagar Sector-2)

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.

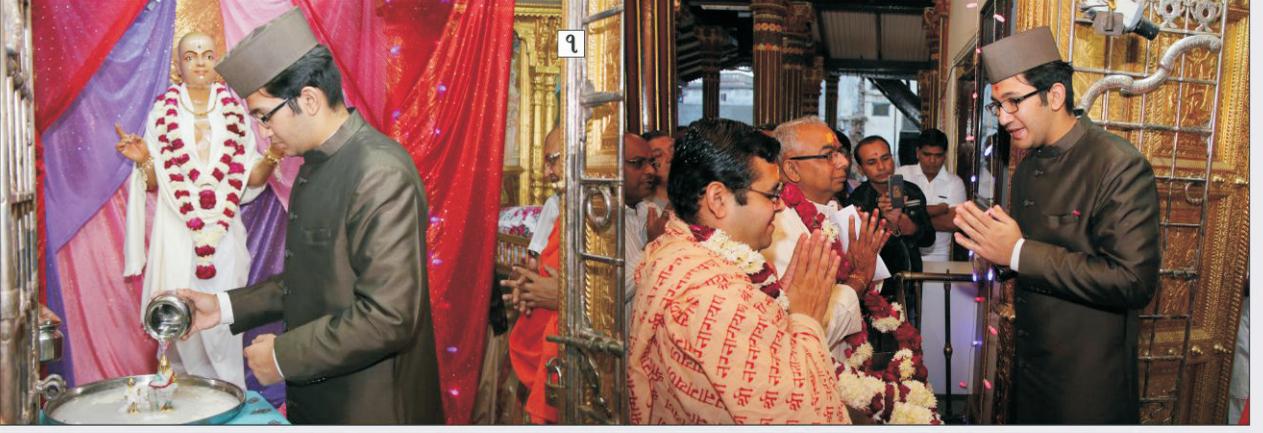
Instruction:- On every pious day of Punam, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj shall perform aarti in the morning at 11.30 hours in Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

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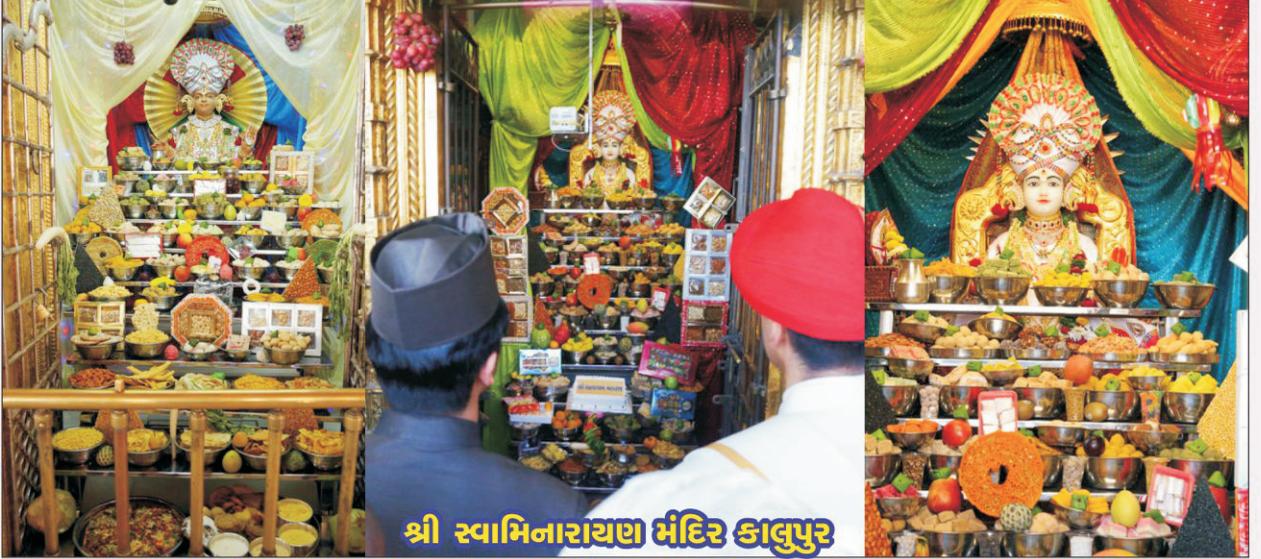




૧. કારતક સુદ બારસના દિવસે અમદાવાદ મંદિરમાં રંગમહોલમાં શ્રી ઘનશ્યામમહારાજનો અભિષેક કરતા પ.પૂ.ભાવિ આચાર્ય ૧૦૮ શ્રી વ્રજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રી તથા યજમાનનું અભિવાદન કરતા પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી ૨. અમદાવાદ મંદિરના સભામંડપમાં દિવાળીના દિવસોમાં શાસ્ત્રી સ્વામી નિર્ગુણદાસજીના વક્તા પટે શ્રીમદ્ ભાગવત કથાનું આયોજન કરાયુ હતું તે પ્રસંગે પ.પૂ.લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીના આશીર્વાદ મેળવતા યજમાન પરિવાર અને પ્રાસંગિક પ્રવચન કરતા મહંત શા. સ્વામી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસજી તથા વ્યાસપીઠની આરતી ઉતારતા પ.પૂ.લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી, તથા કથાની આરતી ઉતારતા મહિલા હરિભક્તો.



શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ દેશના વિવિધ મંદિરોમાં અન્નકૂટોત્સવ



શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર કાલુપુર



આઈ.એસ.એસ.ઓ. સિનેમીન્સન! (ન્યુજર્સી)



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International Religious Celebrations
N.S.S.O. (Newspaper, Publishing, Sydney)



शिकागो



टोरेन्टो



नारायणघाट



कांकरिया



पीथोरिया



डिब्रोईट



नाथदारा



१. श्री स्वामिनारायण मंदिर सिडनी-ओस्ट्रेलियाમાં तुલસી વિવાહના દર્શન. ૨. શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર વોશિંગટન ડી.સી. ખાતે તુલસી વિવાહના દર્શન. ૩. આપણા ટોરેન્ટો શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરમાં તુલસી વિવાહના દર્શન. ૪. નારયણઘાટ-અમદાવાદ મંદિરમાં દેવદિવાળીએ તુલસી વિવાહ પ્રસંગે યજમાન પરિવાર. ૫. શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર બિલોદરામાં અન્નકૂટ આરતી ઉતારતા પ.પૂ. મહારાજશ્રી દ.પડુસ્મા ગામે પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના સાંનિધ્યમાં રાત્રી કથા પારાયણ કરતા શા. સ્વામી રામકૃષ્ણદાસજી (કોટેશ્વર)

BHAGWAN IS VISHWAMBHAR

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

“ધીરજ ઘર તું અરે અધિરા

ઈશ્વર પુરે અજ્ઞ જોને.”

Whether a man understands or not or whether he understands it very late, but this is a fact that another name of Parmatma is Vishwambharand He nourishes the whole universe. But it is human tendency and temperament that he believes that everything is done by him. The young people think in logical terms only and until they are convinced through logic they would not understand and accept the fact about Bhagwan. But the whole world is run and controlled by Almighty Parmatma and nothing can move without His desire and wish. Let us understand this through this example.

During Diwali vacations many people go for outing, for tour to refresh themselves. At such times, the tourist places are found crowded with the people. Children, youngsters and even old aged people also go with their family members. It is not that only people with families go out. Saints-Mahatmas also go out to perform Vicharan for the noble cause.

Once such Mahatma, while performing Vicharan, reached upto the border area of the nation. He sat down under a tree as he was tired and exhausted. Meanwhile a youngster passed by. From his appearance and clothes, he looked like belonging to a noble family. He came to Mahatma and they started talking with each other. During their conversation, Mahatma told him that everything is going on smoothly with the grace of god. At this the youngster got offended and reacted that he did not believe in these words. He firmly said that everything happens as per our own wishes and desires. He also challenged Mahatma showing his tiffin-box that, though tiffin-box is full, he is not going to eat the meals. And

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Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

so if Ishwar (Bhagwan) is Vishwambhar, He must make him eat these meals even by beating him, if required; then only he would believe in the supremacy of Bhagwan otherwise not. With these words, the youngster went to other side of the road under a tree. He left the tiffin-box on the floor and climbed up the tree and passed some time in leisure. After some time, he felt hungry but due to his challenge he was not in a position to eat it. Meanwhile a battalion of army passed by the road. The soldiers were hungry. One of the soldiers saw a tiffin-box lying on the floor under a tree. All soldiers rushed at it and opened it and found the meals with sweet in it. They wanted to eat the meals as they were hungry but their captain stopped them. The captain told them they should not eat any unknown thing without verifying it. It might be a conspiracy of the enemies who might have mixed up poison into it. At these words, the soldiers looked around but there was nobody. One of the soldiers looked up and he saw the youngster. The soldiers made him come down and asked him about the tiffin and asked him to eat the meals from it. But the youngster refused to do so reminding himself of his challenge with Mahatma. Now the captain of the battalion doubted the youngster with suspicion considering him a spy of the enemies. Now at the directions of the captain, all the soldiers started beating the youngster and forced him to eat the

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meals. They stayed there until the youngster finished the tiffin and thereafter the soldiers left the place.

The moment the battalion left the place, the youngsters came to Mahatma running and fell down at the feet of Mahatma and begged his pardon and told him that now he would never commit such a mistake. He realized his misconception about Ishwar and now started believing that Ishwar (Bhagwan) is Vishwambhar.

WHO WILL BECOME PURE AND PIOUS ?

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

There are saying in our Puranas and scriptures that the water of the pious river Ganga absolves all our sins. Those who take bath in the pious river Ganga, all their sins get burnt. Now one may think whether this is true? One such thought also came to goddess Parvatiji.

Once a Kumbh Mela was conducted in Haridwar. Lacs and crores of people had come to participate in this Kumbh Mela and they were taking their bath to get their sins washed away. Bhagwan Shivji and Bhagwati Parvatiji also came there. Observing the lacs of people taking bath in the water of pious river Ganga, Parvatiji told Shivji, whether all these people would be absolved of their sins? Whether all their sins be washed away? And whether all these people would be purified? Shivji laughed confusing Parvatiji.

In order to remove the confusion of Parvatiji, Shivji changed His outer appearance and asked Parvatiji to do the same. Both of them changed into an old couple. Shivji fell Himself into a ditch and Parvatiji started crying standing beside the ditch requesting the people passing by to help her take out her husband from the ditch. The people who were returning after taking bath came to the old woman. The moment one of the people tried to take out

the old man from the ditch, the old woman stopped him and told him that, if anybody who touches her old husband to take him out from the ditch, all the sins of the person would be get burnt. At this the man stopped and resumed his return journey. Similarly, many people came to help but returned back listening to the words of the old woman.

Meanwhile a man came after taking bath as he heard the ailing voice of the old woman asking for help. The moment he came close to the ditch, the old woman told him the same words which she had uttered to all other people that if he would touch her husband all his sins would be burnt. The man smiled and told the old woman that he had just taken bath in the pious river Ganga and therefore all his sins have got washed away and after taking bath he has not committed any sins and therefore this condition was not applicable to him. He stretched his hand inside the ditch and helped the old man to come out of the ditch. The old man and old woman blessed the man with smiling face.

When the man passed by, Shivji and Parvatiji took their original form. Shivji told Parvatiji that, people do take their bath in the holy river Ganga but their hearts are still not purified. They do not cherish the words of the scriptures with utmost faith that taking bath in this pious water of Ganga will wash away their sins. And therefore they would not get the benefit. Only those who cherish utmost faith and trust in the words of the scriptures and take bath, will get the benefit as promised by the scriptures.

So friends! We have to keep in our mind that, whatever and whenever we perform Bhakti-Bhajan, Seva-Satsang, our heart should be pure and filled with trust and faith then only we would get the benefit as has been promised and narrated in our scriptures.

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

**'AASAKTI SHOULD BE CHERISHED
IN PARMATMA' FROM THE
BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA
(ON OCCASION OF SABHA OF
EKADASHI IN KALUPUR TEMPLE
HAVELI)**

**- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-
Ghodosar**

For what purpose we organize Satsang Sabha? Whether such Sabha is conducted to increase our knowledge through the means our scriptures? But such a knowledge is incomplete without utmost faith, without Bhakti. A person may be great and learned but he should cherish faith and should be humble. Otherwise without Bhakti, a knowledgeable person becomes very proud. Gyan coupled with Bhakti yields Namrata (humility). Bhakti performed with Dharma completes Gyan in life. Uddhavji was very learned person and Gopis of Vraj were virtually illiterate but they were cherishing Premlakshana Bhakti. Both of them have their own importance. Uddhavji believed in the supremacy of knowledge and Gyan whereas for Gopis Bhakti is supreme and everything in life.

Therefore Bhagwan Shree Krishna sent Uddhavji to Vraj to let him know about Bhakti of Gopis. Bhagwan Shree Krishna asked Uddhavji with smiling face that he cannot forget Gopis because Gopis cannot forget Him. So Uddhavji may try to make Gopis forget Bhagwan Shree

Krishna with the help of his knowledge. When Uddhavji came and met Nand-Yashodaji, half of his pride melted down. Nand-Yashodaji informed Uddhavji that at every place on the bank of river Yamuna they feel divine presence of Bhagwan Shree Krishna. When Uddhavji informed Gopis that he had brought a message of Bhagwan Shree Krishna for them, Gopis replied him that Bhagwan Shree Krishna is already with them and everyday they listen to the sweet tunes of the flute which Bhagwan Shree Krishna plays in front of them. Uddhavji was surprised at such a serene and deep faith and ardent Bhakti of these Gopis. Thereafter, Uddhavji stayed there for months relishing the ardent faith and Bhakti of Gopis.

Uddhavji had come assuming the role of a Guru with a view to preach the scriptures and to impart its knowledge to Gopis, but he returned while remaining a disciple of the same Gopis. So what we have to understand is that, howsoever great knowledge we may be having, we must cherish utmost faith and Bhakti in our hearts towards our Parmatma.

We have to run after Parmatma and not after the worldly things created by Parmatma. If we run after Parmatma, we would easily get all things created by Him and that too without any special efforts for it. And by performing Satsang we get both Gyan and Bhakti.

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WHICH IS THE GREATEST TIRTH OF THIS WORLD?

- Sankhya yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)

The greatest Tirth (place of pilgrimage) of this world is our parents. And this place of pilgrimage is in our home only. Those who have performed the pilgrimage of this divine place, they have believed to have performed pilgrimage of all the holy places of the world. And therefore when a competition was held between Kartik and Ganpati, the later thought it proper to perform Pradakshina of His parents Bhagwan Shivji and Bhagwati Parvatiji using his sharp intelligence.

Those who leave their parents and go for pilgrimage, they would not get any better result or do not get fulfilled their

desires and wishes. Such persons roam in this world futile without getting anything.

Therefore, we all the ardent devotees should render our devout and ardent services to our parents. Because if our parents would be angry upon us, even Bhagwan Shivji or Brahmaji cannot save us. Therefore, we should render our ardent and selfless services to our parents with tremendous love and affection. Even in our pious 'Shiksha Patri' our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated that one should render life-long services to one's parents and Guru. Even if any Vrata, Tapa or Tirth-yatra are left out while rendering services to our parents, we would certainly get emancipation in our life.

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After the defeat of Pibek on the pious day of Kartik Poonam Samvat 1853, all the three Muktas were eagerly waiting for Maharaj. Unfortunately, Jiva Raval and Manor Barot died a prematurely death at Ahmedabad and Karsandas had been rendering his devout services to Raliyatba, under the directions of His Guru.

Raliyatba also did seventh and greatest religious work of obtaining promise of Maharaj to reside in Unava permanently and never to leave that place. Once great epidemic of Plague spread in Unava village. One by one people of village Unava started get trapped by Plague and die due to its fatal effects. Raliyatba fell down at the feet of Ramanand Swami and she was in tears. Her Guru consoled her and blessed her with the divine blessings. Thereafter on the pious day of Shivratri of Samvat 1762, after completing Chorasi in Siddhpur Maharaj was going to Jetalpur to

celebrate Falguni Utsav. Maharaj got reminded of village Unava and the three persons whom were seen with Pibek in Kamru Desh. Maharaj immediately went towards open Madh of Gor and Raliyatba was doing her work where there is a temple today. Maharaj held Sambelu from her hand and told that, "I would never leave this place and you!!!" At the age of 100 years while performing Snan on the day of Yam-Dwitiya Samvat 1912, Raliyatba passed away to Aksharvaas.

Like Gangama of Jetalpur are Raliyatba of Unava and Kalaskunvarba of Mahesana. Services of Raliyatba have been unique and therefore there has been unique Leela of Maharaj in Unava. Sambelu of Prasadi held by Maharaj is being worshipped even today in Unava by the successors of Dr. Ashokbhai Mehta. In Prakaran-119 of Bhaktachintamani, Nishukulanand Swami writes:

‘द्विज रूप रजियात नाम, ६२ हृषो उनावे गाम,
कृष्णी लक्ष्मण रामदासभाई, कुंभे र वसन नानी भाई.

॥ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણો વિજયતેતરામ્ ॥

ઉત્તરાયણ પુણ્ય પર્વ પ્રસંગે દાન પુણ્ય

ભારત વર્ષના પુણ્ય પર્વોમાં ઉત્તરાયણનો મહિમા અનેરો અને અલૌકિક છે.

મકર રાશીમાં સૂર્ય પ્રવેશનો સંક્રાંતિકાળ એ શુભનું મંગળકારી આગમન, સર્વથા દાન પુણ્યમાં અનેક ઘણો ઉમેરો કરતો હોવાથી આ સમયે પુણ્ય સ્થાનકમાં દાન કરવાથી આલોક અને પરલોક સંબંધી સર્વ મનોરથો તત્કાલ ફળે છે.

તો આવા સર્વોપરી શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના અલૌકિક સાનિધ્યમાં તથા પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રી તથા પરમ પૂજ્ય મોટા મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. ભાવિ આચાર્ય લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીની શુભ નિશ્રામાં અને પૂજ્ય બ્રહ્મનિષ્ઠ સંતોની શુભ ઉપસ્થિતિમાં તા. 16-12-2015 થી તા. 14-1-2016 દરમિયાન ધૂનનો મહા અલૌકિક લાભ લીધો તે નિમિત્તે તા. 14-1-2016ના રોજ પુણ્ય પર્વ હોવાથી દરરોજ પ્રભાતે થતી ધનુર્માસની ધૂન્ય કથાની દિવ્ય સભામાં પધારી ઠાકોરજીની આ સેવાનો અતિ શુભ પ્રસંગે ઉમંગભેર વધાવી સેવામાં સહભાગી થઈ ધન્યભાગી બનીએ.

સમસ્ત શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ દેશના હરિ મંદિરના કોઠારીશ્રી અને શ્રી

નરનારાયણદેવ યુવક મંડળ જોગ

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ દેશના દરેક ગામોના કોઠારીશ્રી અને શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ યુવક મંડળના પ્રતિનિધિઓને ખાસ ભલામણ છે કે આપના ગામમાં ઉત્તરાયણ પર્વની ઝોળી ફેરવીને તે નિમિત્તે અનાજ-રોકડ જે કંઈ દાન આવે તે તમામ વસ્તુ ઉધરાવીને અમદાવાદ કાલુપુર મંદિરમાં જમા કરાવી જશો. આવું સેવાનું સુંદર કામ કરીને શ્રીહરિનો રાજીપો મેળવવા કૃપા પાત્ર બનશો.

મહંત સ્વામી

શાસ્ત્રી સ્વામી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસના

શ્રીહરિ સ્મૃતિ સહિત

જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ.

કામરૂઢી કલ્યાણનારાયણ

ઉત્તરાયણ પુણ્ય (ઝોળી) પર્વ

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ઉત્તરાયણ પુણ્ય પર્વ

સર્વોપરી ઈષ્ટદેવ શ્રી ઘનશ્યામ મહારાજ, પરમ કૃપાળુ શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવના થાળ તથા ધર્મકુળની રસોઈ તથા સંત, વર્ણી, પાર્ષદો અને હરિભક્તોની રસોઈ નિમિત્તે ગુરુવારના તા. 14-1-2016ના રોજ દર્શને આવો

વિગત	ભાવ રૂ.	વજન	૫ કિલોના ભાવ રૂ.	આપની સેવા રૂ.
ચોખા	૩૫૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૧૭૫	
ઘઉં	૧૫૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૭૫	
મગ	૭૫૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૩૭૫	
તલ	૩૦૦૦	૨૦ કિલો	૭૫૦	
ચણા દાળ	૬૨૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૩૧૦	
તુવેર દાળ	૧૪૦૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૭૦૦	
મોગર દાળ	૯૦૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૪૫૦	
શુદ્ધ ઘી	૪૫૦૦	૧ ડબ્બો	૧૫૦૦	
તેલ	૧૧૦૦	૧ ડબ્બો	૩૩૪	
ગોળ	૩૮૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૧૯૦	
ખાંડ	૩૨૦૦	૧૦૦ કિલો	૧૬૦	
કુલ રૂ.	૫૭૩૦૦		૫૦૧૯	
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દાન, વસ્તુ રૂપે, રોકડ સ્વરૂપે તથા ચેક અથવા ડ્રાફ્ટ

“શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર કાલુપુર અમદાવાદ”ના નામે આપશો.

સ્થળ : શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર, કાલુપુર, અમદાવાદ ફોન : ૨૨૧૩૨૧૭૦.

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Celebration of Diwali Utsavs in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Diwali festivals were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm as under:

Kali Chaudas : Poojan-archan aarti-Annakutotsav of Shree Katbhanjanandev of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur was performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Mhaarak. Poojari Parshad Bbau Bhagat and Mahadev Bhagat had made beautiful arrangements for this divine occasion.

Dipotsavi Group Sharda-Poojan : In the divine Sabha Mandap of Prasadi, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Group Sharda-Poojan in the evening at 6.30 hours alongwith Gor Shri Kamleshbhai and other Brahmins. The businessmen devotees got performed poojan of their Accounts Books and vowed to continue and expand their business while keeping the directions contained in Shloka-146 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all these devotees on this divine occasion.

Nutan Varsh Annakuotsav : With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev, Mangala Aarti, Shangaar Aarti aned Chhappan Bhog Annakut Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev on the pious day of New Year were performed by the whole Dharmkul. Many devotes and haribhaktas performed divine Darshan of the deities of the temple and also obtained the blessings of the whole Dharmkul as well as the saints.

Swami Haricharandasji, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Natu Swami, Yogi Swami, Bhakti Swami and Shastri Narayanmunidasji etc. saints Parshad Mandal of Mahant Swami had rendered their beautiful and inspirational services. Services of the saints were inspirational for distribution of Annakut Prasad. (Kothari Shastri Swami Narayanmunidas)

Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Gyan Yagna in pious company of Shree Narnarayandev

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and in the memory of Akshar Nivasi devotee Shantilal Ravjibhai Choksi and Akshar Nivasi Champaben Shantilal Choksi, their family members had organized Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur from

Kartak Sud-05 Labh Pancham (16/11/2015) to Kartak Sud-11 Prabodhini Ekadashi (22/11/2015) with Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji as the spokesperson and Shastri Swami Haripriyadasji as the spokesperson of Samhita Path. On the last day H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had performed aarti of concluding ritual of Parayan and had blessed the host devotees. During the katha disciples of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji had made beautiful arrangements under the guidance of their Guru. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji. (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidas)

Satsang Sabha in villages as a part of 20 Satsang Sabhas to be performed as a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat to be celebrated from 24/02/2016 to 28/03/2016

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) it has been decided to celebrate Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat from 24/02/2016 to 28/02/2016 on the occasion of 20th Varshik Patotsav and renovation of the temple. Accordingly, Satsang Sabhas have been organized in the following villages as a part of performing 20 Satsang Sabhas in 20 villages under religions programmes as under :

5th Satsang Sabha

On 04/10/2015, 5th Satsang Sabha was organized in village Bilodara wherein saints had narrated Katha-Varta and Kirtan-Bhakti. (Divyaprakash Swami)

6th Satsang Sabha

On 18/10/2015, 6th Satsang Sabha was organized in village Manipur (Kadi) wherein 800 devotees of the nearby villages had participated. Among the siangs Sadguru Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinaar) and Kunjvihari Swami had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. (Kothari)

7th Satsang Sabha

On 18/10/2015, 7th Satsang Sabha was organized in village Kundal (Kadi) of Kala Bhagat wherein large number of devotees had participated. Among the saints Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), Shastri

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Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji etc. saints had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. (Kothari)

8th Satsang Sabha

On 29/10/2015, 8th Satsang Sabha was organized in village Kherol (Talod) wherein Katha-Varta and Kirtan-Bhakti etc. were performed by Sadgru Shastri Swami Chatanyaswaroopdsjand and Brahmchari Kunjvihar Swami. Devotees of Kherol, Vaktapur and Madhavgadh had participated in this Sabha and had vowed to perform path of Janmangal Namavali and Mantra Lekhan during Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav. Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of divine Satsang of the saints. (Kothari, Kherol)

9th Satsang Sabha

On 06/11/2015, 9th Satsang Sabha was organized in village Madhavgadh (Talod) wherein Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdsaji (Gandhinagar), Shastri Kunjviharidasji and other 500 devotees had performed one (01) path of Janmangal Namavali with its importance being narrated by the saints. Many devotees of the village had availed the benefit of this Sabha. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdsaji)

Sharadotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints, grand Sharadotsav was celebrated on 25/10/2015 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2). Devotee Shri Vishnubhai Govindbhai Chaudhary (Ghunghat Hotelwala) had rendered the services as the host of this occasion. About more than 25 saints from Kalupur and Naranghat temples had arrived on this divine occasion. H.H. Shri Lamiswaroop Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and had blessed the ladies devotees. After Raas-Garba of Sharadotsav, Prasad of Dudh-Pauva was availed by thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas. Newly prepared Shree Ghanshyam Lift meant the old-aged devotees and haribhaktas was laid open for the usage by Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahant Swami Devprakashdsji and Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami. (Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdsaji)

Mahapoojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, beautiful Mahapooja was performed on Sunday 18/10/2015 by the saints and Haribhaktas of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2) in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

With a view that all devotees, who may be rendering very small service, may also avail the benefit of poojan and Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev, this Mahapooja was organized

by Mahant Swami P.P. Swami and other saints.

About more than 200 devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of this divine occasion of Mahapooja, Darshan and Prasad. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had performed the concluding ritual of Mahapooja and had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai, devotee Shri Bipinbhai and devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai had rendered their beautiful services as the hosts of this divine occasion. (Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdsaji)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Siddhpur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was organized from 07/09/2015 till 11/09/2015 with Mahant Swami Chandraprakashdasji as spokesperson at ShukdevAshram on the bank of pious river Ganga. Beautiful yagna was performed by the Pandits of Ashram. Shri Omanand Swami, the head of Ashram had also remained present on this divine occasion whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees. (Kothari Swami, Siddhpur)

Renovation of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dumali

During the pious Van-vicharan Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan had graced the village Dumali while accepting the invitation of devotees of Vaghela Darbar and had also offered a wooden-stick as Prasadi. Before 160 years, Hari-Mandir was constructed at this place of Prasadi. With the long passage of time, this Hari-Mandir was rendered in dilapidated condition and it required renovation. Therefore with the support of the devotees of the village and Kalupur temple, renovation and colour-work of the temple was completed and on this occasion for the first time H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this village and the houses of the devotees of the village. All devotees performed grand Swagat-Samaiy in Rajwadi tradition. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the Sabha organized on the occasion.

Among the saints Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad) and Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Gandhinagar temple) had also arrived and had blessed all the devotees. (Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji, Naranghat)

Ratri Bhagwat Saptah Parayan at village Padusma

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) and Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Gandhinagar temple), Ratriya Bhagwat Saptah Parayan was organized from 12/11/2015 till 18/11/2015 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji as spokesperson. All patidar devotees of the village had rendered their

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beautiful services on this divine occasion.

On 13/11/2015 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saint-mandal and blessed all the devotees. The villagers were very much happy on for the first time arrival of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to their village. Concluding ritual of Katha was performed Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Gandhinagar)

Maruti Yagna in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of mahatn Swami Guruprasadsji and Anand Swami, beautiful Maruti Yagna was organized on the pious day of Kali Chaudas. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had graced this divine occasion and had offered holy fruit and performed concluding ritual of Maruti Yagna and also performed aarti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj. Thereafter H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees. Shree Hanuman Chalisa Path and aarti were performed at night from 9.00 to 12.00 hour and thereafter Prasad was offered to all the devotees.

Nutan Varsh : Chhapan Bhog Annakut was offered to Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and Balswaroop Kastbhanjandev of the temple on the pious day of Nutan VARsha. Aucchav Mandal had performed Kirtans of Nand saints. Thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas had performed divine Darshan and had availed the benefit of Prasad of Annakut.

Labh Pancham : Samaiyo of Balswaroop Shree Kastbhanjandev of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria was performed as per the ritual. On this occasion H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Kastbhanjandev and aarti of Thakorji and blessed all the devotees. Beautiful Annakut was offered to Kastbhanjandev. Tradition of celebrating Samaiyo of Labh Pancham has been started by our H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj. Thousands of devotees and haribhaktas perform complete their 'Badha' by performing divine Darshan of Shri Kastbhanjandev on fulfillment of their desires and wishes. (Jigneshbhai, President of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Tridinatmak Satsang Shibir in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach (Bapunagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji and with the arrangements by the saints and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Tridivasiya Satsang Shibir was organized from 14/11/2015 to 16/11/2015 in 48 Kadva Patidar Samaj Vadi situated at Coba Circle, village Nabhoi.

Pratah Pooja, Mansi Pooja, Dhoon, Kirtan, Katha-Varta, Satsang Questionnaire and

Dincharya of Niyam Chesta Satsng were learnt by more than 300 devotees in the pious company of the saints. Kothari Swami Harikrishnadasji and saints had performed Katha of Hari-Bal Gita, Vachanamrit and HariLeelamrut Sagar Vivechan. On this occasion second edition of 'Hari Smruti' was published by Approach temple. And booklet with picture about Pratah Pooja was also released by Mahant Swami and the leading haribhaktas. Haribhaktas of the nearby villages had also participated in this Shibir.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the participant devotees telephonically. From Navratri till Sharad Poonam beautiful Rasotsav-Kirtan Bhakti were performed. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Murti Pratistha at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limda Muvadi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurham, Murti Pratistha ritual was organized in newly constructed Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limda Muvadi on Sunday 18/10/2015. Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Akhand Dhoon was organized in the beginning of this programme wherein large number of devotees and Haribhaktas participated.

Tridinatmak Vishnu Yaag was also organized on this occasion by Saint Mandal of Jetalpur temple. Ratri Katha was also organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji. On 24/10/2015 Nagar Yatra of idol images was performed and all the saints performing vicharan in Zadi area had arrived on this occasion. On 25/10/2015 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images in Vedic tradition. Thereafter concluding ritual of Yagna was performed by offering holy fruit. The host devotees of Murti Pratistha Mahotsav, Shri Rameshbhai Patel and his son devotee Shri Chintanbhai family had performed poojan-archan-bhet-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Shri P.P. Swami had beautifully described all the incidents from the construction of the temple till Pratistha Utsav.

Mahant Shastri Devswaroop Swami of Jaipur temple had delivered inspirational speech and thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole village. On this occasion saints from Jetalpur, Kalupur, Anjali, Jaipur, Himatnagar and Chhapaiya had also arrived on this occasion. Mahant K.P. Swami of Jetalpur temple and Mahant Vishwaprakash Swami of Anjali temple had rendered their beautiful services. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami. Yuvak Mandal and ladies devotees and haribhaktas of the village had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. (K.P. Swami, Jetalpur, V.P. Swami, Anjali)

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Sharadotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjali

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shradotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 26/10/2015 at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjali (Vasna). While remaining under the discipline and tradition of Sampradaya all the ladies devotees and haribhaktas had performed beautiful Raas-Garba, Kirtan-Bhakti & Dhoon-Aarti, in the temple premises and had also offered Prasad of Dudh-Pauva to the deities and thereafter they had availed the benefit of this Prasad. Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji had made beautiful arrangements.

Inauguration of Nutan Thaal-Bhet Office in Anjali temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Nutan-Thaal Bhet Office was got constructed by Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji. On the pious day of Poonam on 27/10/2015 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the temple and performed poojan and concluding aarti of Mahapooja and thereafter performed inauguration of new Thaal-Bhet Office. The host devotee Shri Hiteshbhai Patel performed poojan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed divine Darshan of Thakorji and blessed all the devotees. (Bhikhabhai, Anilbhai and Ramanbhai)

Bhoomi Poojan of new temple at Himatnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur temple and Kothari Hariprasaddasji of Vali temple and as per the guidance of Shri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, 4 vigha land was acquired for constructing new temple at Himatnagar. In the first phase, Bhoomi Poojan of this land was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the pious day of Labh Pancham on 16/11/2015. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees and inspired them to render their services of mind, body and money for construction of the new temple. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Swami Premprakashdasji. Simultaneously announcement of Patotsav of 17/12/2015 and Shakotsav of 27/12/2015 was also made. Devotee Shri Ishwarbhai Purushottamdas Patel (Himatnagar) had rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion. (Rameshbhai B. Patel)

Celebration of 43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dharampur

On 23/10/2015, all the devotees had celebrated 43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj by performing Dhoon-Bhajan, Kirtan,

Dandiya-Raas in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dharampur (Kadi). On this occasion Swami Swayamprakashdsji and Swami Balkrishnadasi had inspired all the devotees for inculcating noble qualities of Sampradaya in the young children. Jalilani Ekadashi was also celebrated by the devotees with great fervor and enthusiasm wherein all the devotees of the village participated. (Kothari, Dharampur)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Dev Swami of Muli, on 05/10/2015 12 hours Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary) on the occasion of Punya Tithi of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Karshandasji. On this occasion Chhapan Bhog Annakut was also offered to Thakorji. Mahant Swami Nandkishordasji of Mansa temple had also arrived. Devotee Shri Motiji Ramaji Chaudhary family had rendered the services as the host of Annakut.

Annakuotsav of Shree Hanumanji in Manekpur

Grand Annakuotsav of fruits was performed in front of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur. Devotee Ganga Swaroop Anharben Sakabhai Chaudhary family through Rakeshbhai had rendered the services as the host of this Annakut with the help of all the devotees, grand Annakut was offered to Thakorji on the pious day of New Year. Similarly, Annakut of various items of meals was also offered to the deities by the saints and devotees on the pious day of Dev-Diwali. Saints and devotees had performed Dhoon-Bhajan and Kirtan-Katha. (Dahyabhai Shambhubhai Chaudhary, on behalf of all devotees of Manekpur)

MULI DESH

Dipotsavi Annakuotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under the guidance of young Mahant Shastri Bhaktinandandasji, large number of devotees have been performing Dhoon-Kirtan for the last five years from early morning Mangala Aarti till Shingar Aarti from the pious day of Ekadashi till New Year Day and Shastri Swami Vishwavaharidasji was performing Katha-Varta in the morning.

Grand Annakut was offered to Thakorji on the pious day of New Year whose divine Darshan was performed by the devotees of Morbi and nearby villages. Here beautiful Katha-Varta etc. are being performed on the every pious day of Ekadashi and large number of Haribhaktas and ladies devotees participate. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and

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with the praiseworthy efforts of Mahant Swami, satsang activities are going on very well. (Kothari Rameshbhai)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Peoria Chapter, America (I.S.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Mahaaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul, Shree Hanuman Chalisa Path was organized for 11 days starting from the pious day of New Year in our I.S.S.O. Peoria Chapter. On the pious day of 15th November Dipawali Haribhaktas had organized grant Annakuotsav in front of Thakorji. All items of Annakut were offered in a hut made of dry grass and a real Akshardham was created. Saints had also performed beautiful Katha-Varta. About more than 200 haribhaktas of Peoria and nearby areas had availed the benefit of this divine occasion. (Rameshbhai)

Diwali-Annakut in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Itasca Chicago (I.S.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Shree Hanuman Chalisa Path was organized for 11 days starting from the pious day of New Year in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Itasca. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji had narrated importance of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj. On the pious day of Kali Chaudas, poojan-archan of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj was performed and various items were prepared and offered to the deities.

Thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of performing divine Darshan of Mangala Aarti of New Year and all of them had also availed the benefit of divine blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. There was huge crowd in Annakut Darshan of the noon and Sabha organized for the purpose. After Annakut Aarti and Sayan Aarti, arrangement of Mahaprasad was made. Under the guidance of Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji and Poojari Swami Shantiprakashdasji, beautiful Tulsi Vivah was also organized. Here all utsavs are being celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the temple. (Vasant Trivedi)

Tridinatmak Diwali Mahotsv in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Norvoc, L.A. (I.S.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Tridinatmak Diwali Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from Aaso vAd-14 to Kartak Sud-1 (from 10/11/2015 till 12/11/2015). Many devotees availed the benefit of poojan of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj on the pious day of Kali Chaudas on Aaso Sud-14.

Shodasopchar Poojan of Thakorji was performed on the pious day of Diwali wherein large number of devotees and Haribhaktas participated. Mahant Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Mullt) had got performed the ritual of Shree Laxmi Poojan whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. Early in the morning from 5.00 hours, many devotees had arrived and had performed darshan of Mangala Aarti, had rendered services for preparing Annakut and thereafter performed divine Darshan of Shangar aarti at 8.00 hours in the morning. At 12.00 hours in the noon Annakut aarti was performed. Devotees and Haribhaktas had performed divine Darshan of Annakut. Jay Krishna Swami had offered Shangar Darshan.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the devotees telephonically. Since early morning 5.30 hours till 9.00 hours, there was huge crowd of devotees and people in the temple premises. Devotee Shri Kokilaben Natubhai Patel had rendered beautiful services for Vagha of Thakorji for Diwali. Devotee Shri Dahiben Jethalal family through Vireshbhai and Dineshbhai (Dangarawala) had rendered beautiful services for Vagha of Thakorji for New Year.

On the pious day of Prabodhini Ekadashi, beautiful Tulsi Vivah was also organized. Devotee Shri Madhuben Nandlal Makwana had rendered services as the hosts of this occasion (as parents of Bhagwan), Chaudhary Dipikaben Sureshbhai had rendered services as the hosts of this occasion (as parents of Vrinda Devi) and Ganga Swaroop Saoniba Chaudhary had rendered services as the hosts of this occasion (as maternal uncle) and this festival was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm till 9.00 hours at night. (President Shri Devrajbhai Kerai)

43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Kalupurdham Colonia (I.S.S.O.)

On the pious day of Vijaya Dashmi, Parshad Mulji Bhaat of Ayodhya temple and haribhaktas had celebrated 43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Saturday Weekend in our Shree Narnarayandev Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupurdham, Colonia. All devotees had performed Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan and thereafter Parshad Mulji Bhagat had narrated importance of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Dharmkul. On this occasion group Janmangal Path, Hanuman Chalisa and thereafter Sandhya Aarti-Mahaprasad and Raas-Garba by ladies devotees etc. programmes were also organized. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan (I.S.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Swami Bhakti Swami and Nilkanth Swami, last

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

Rama Ekadashi of the year was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this pious occasion, Dhoon-Kirtan and Katha from Dhirajakhyan were performed by the saints. The host devotees Shri Ushaben and Shri Pravinbhai had performed puojan during Janmangal Path. Group Path of Shree Hanuman Chalisa were also performed on this divine occasion. Large number of devotees availed the benefit of this divine occasion. Saints had also made announcement about the future Utsavs. (Pravin Shah)

Vijaya Dashmi Utsav in Chhapaiyadham Parsipenny (I.S.S.O.)

43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm by Mahant Swami Satyaprakashdasji and haribhaktas on the pious day of Vijaya Dashmi in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chhapaiyadham Parsipenny. Alongwith Mahant Swami the host devotees of Utsav had performed puojan of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. All devotees availed the benefit of puojan.

Mahant Swami had explained the importance of Dharmkul while narrating beautiful Katha, which was followed by Dhoon-Bhajan and Kirtan and honouring the devotees who rendered

their beautiful services during the whole divine occasion. At last janmangal path, Sandhya Aarti, Thaal and Sayan Aarti were performed. The programme concluded with mahaprasad by all the devotees and Haribhaktas. (Pravin Shah)

Mulidham Shree Swaminarayan temple Louis Ville (I.S.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the presene of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmvallbhdasji, Shastri Vrajvallbhdasjia nd Poojari Swami Harivallbhdasji, all devotees and Haribhaktas performed puojan of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and thereby they had celebrated 43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the pious day of Vijaya Dashmi in our Mulidham Shree Swaminarayan temple, Louis Ville. The host devotee family had also availed the benefit of puojan. The saints had narrated the importance of the whole Dharmkul and information about the future Utsav was also furnished. During the whole programme, devotees hri Vipulbhai and Dineshbhai Patel of Patel Brothers had rendered their beautiful services. After performing Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan, Aarti and Nitya-Niyam were performed. (Pravin Shah)

AKSHARVAAS

Kalol – Devotee Shri Sitaben Amrutlal Patel (Bhagat) Patel (Age 73 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 08/10/2015 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Surendranagar (Sudamada) - Devotee Shri Vrajlal Muljibhai Soni Ranpura passed away to Divine Abode of God on 24/10/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ahmedabad-Approach-Bapunagar – Poojari of Shree Ganpatiji and Shree Hanumanji of Bapunagar (Approach) temple devotee Shri Gordhanbhai Haribhai Vekaria (Age 65 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 30/10/2015 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad - Devotee Shri Saviraben Govindbhai Sheladiya (Age 106 years) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari on 30/10/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ramnagar-Kalol - Devotee Shri Ambalal Sankalchand Patel (Saheb) (Age 81 years) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari on Aaso Vad-13 Dhan Teras on 09/11/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Hathijan- Devotee Shri Mafatlal Kodarlal Patel (father-n-law of devotee Shri Jayantibhai Patel (Kothar Office of Kalupur temple) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari on 12/11/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Dharampur-Khakharia- Devotee Shri Kantaben (Babuben) (wife of devotee Shri Jadavjibhai Ramjibhai Patel) (Age 76 years) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari on 16/11/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Leicester (U.K.) - Devotee Shri Madhavji Lalji Kacha (native place : Halar Dhulkot) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ahmedabad - Devotee Shri Bhartiben (wife of the devotee Shri Devendrabhai Manilal Gajjar) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari on 19/11/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Madhavgad- Devotee Shri Keshavlal Pranlal Patel (Age 75 years) has passed away to Divine Abode of Shree Hari on 18/11/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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(1) The host devotees performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nathdwara on the occasion of 15th Patotsav and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the Sabha. (2) Jankivallbh Swami honouring the host devotees of Patotsav. (3) Saints and Haribhaktas participating in Pothiyatra at Siddhpur temple on the occasion of Parayan (4) Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasi (Koteshwar) narrating Katha at village Ishwarpua and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing poojan of Vyaspith.



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(1) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing poojan of Shree Hanumanji on the pious day of Kali Chaudas in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Shree Hanumanji in Kankaria temple with Mahant Swami Anandprasaddasji.

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