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## EDITORIAL

Before 231 years, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan incarnated on this earth on the pious day of *Chaitra Sud-9*. Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya has spread like anything in short span of time. Under the auspices of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. 1008 Shri Acharya Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, grand temples have been constructed in the counties like America, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Middle East and there has been proportionate increase in the number of devotees, too. There are people who regularly go to our temples to perform divine *Darshan*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has also prepared *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* at various places. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has also been performing pilgrimage to these countries continuously for nourishment of our *Sampradaya*. In America, every year one or two new temples of I.S.S.O. are developed. Thus, there has been good spiritual progress in the next generations residing in abroad countries. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, the remote areas of North Gujarat like Radhanpur, Thara, Bhabhar there are families wherein ardent faith and *Bhakti* of Shree Narnarayandev is performed. It is also planned to have a new temple of our *Sampradaya* at Bhabhar.

Dear devotees! Tradition of celebration of the festivals is going on so let us perform divine *Darshan* of our *Utsav* and make our life noble.

Editor  
Mahant Swami  
Shastri Swami Harikrishn

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**Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj  
1008 ShriKoshalendraprasadji Maharajshri  
(March- 2012)**

1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach Bapunagar on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip on the occasion of *Patotsav*.  
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
4. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aslali on the occasion of *Katha*.
6. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Girishbhai Bhalabhai Patel, Ranip.  
Graced Gandhinagar Sector-5 on the occasion of *Katha*.
- 8-9. Graced Bhaktinagar (Mankuva) Kachchh on the occasion of *Rangotsav*.
10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalolo (Dist. Kheda) on the occasion of *Rajat Jayanti Patotsav*.
- 11-12. Graced Umaiya Vagad (Kachchh) and Hirapar (Kachchh).
- 13 to 28 Pilgrimage to America.
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur, on the occasion of *Rajat Jayanti Patotsav*.
- 30-31. Graced village Narayanpar (Kachchh).



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# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri  
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

### Text 60

**These Atmanivedi devotees shall never drink water or eat roots, Fruits, leaves etc. without first offering to Lord Shree Krishna.**

**Na Payam Naiva Bhakshyacha Patrakandafaladhyapi |**

All edible foods including water, milk, fruits, vegetables etc. should always be offered to God first. This subject has already been discussed. Shatanand adds that even new clothes, jewellery and the like should also be offered to God before use. This *Shloka* concludes the duties of an *Atmanivedi Bhakta*.

### Text 61

**My disciples who have become disabled by old age or by some adversity shall give their idols of Shree Krishna, which they have worshipped, to some other disciple. The disabled disciple shall thereafter serve God to the best of their ability.**

Illness, war and old age are some of the calamities or adversities here mentioned. In such case, their idol of worship-*Shaligram* or *Murti* should be passed onto some other *Vaishnav* devotee. In such situation, they should continue their devotion through *Maansi Pooja*.

### Text 60

**They shall worship only those idols of Shree Krishna, which have been given to them by the Acharya (of**

*Dharmakul*) or installed by Him. Other idols shall be respectfully bowed before, but not worshipped.

**Acharyereva Datam Yadeach Tena Pratishtitam |**

**Krushnaswarupam Tatsevyam Vandyamevetaratu Yat ||**

*Acharya* – One's *Guru* of *Dharma Vamsa* – family of *Dharma Deva*, who shows one the path of *Bhakti*. It is specifically this *Acharya* or *Guru* and not the *Acharyas* who are learned in *Veda-Vadanta Acharyas*, which are glorified here.

The great *Acharya* lineage ordained by Lord Swaminarayan, from the illustrious family of the Lord is praised here. *Linga Purana* explains exactly what an *Acharya* is:

**Swayamacharate Yasmadaacharye**

**Stapayatyapi |**

**Achinoti Cha**

**Shastrarthanacharyasthena**

**Chochyate ||**

'One who follows righteous duty (*Achaara*), teaching others to follow righteous duty and who is learned in *Shastras* is considered an *Acharya*.'

Therefore devotees of Lord Swaminarayan must perform *Poojan* and serve only those *Murtis* given to them or installed by them. Only by accepting the guidance of either of the *Acharyas*, *Narnarayan Gadi* or *Laxminarayan Gadi*, are we fulfilling the wishes of Lord Swaminarayan. Only then will our devotion and service to the *Murtis* be fruitful.

Shatanand then says: '*Murtis* given or installed by other *Acharyas* of other *Sampradais* are worthy of respect and should be humbly bowed before with great reverence (*Tatu Vandyam Bhagwadbhavena*) but should not be daily worshipped.' – Why? -

**Vaishnavasmpradayamarija-dabhagaditi Bhavaha** – ‘it destroys one’s faith and devotion to their *Vaishnav Sampradai*.’ It is important to belong to a *Sampradai*, a *Guru* etc. a *Sampradai* will bring community, focus, identity, direction and a sense of belonging, which will help to improve one’s faith and service. It will avoid confusion and firmly set the path to realization.

One should never envisage a *Murti* as just a lump of stone and in this way degrade its significance and greatness. *Pancharatna Shastra* explains ‘Those who think of *Murtis* as mere stone, a *Guru* as mere man and a *Vaishnav* as a mere race, are committing insult.’

It is imperative that we do not worship idols installed or given to us by a low-born or indeed some other supposed great person or ‘*Guru*’. Those who do, are not cleansed of such sin even by performing ten thousand *Prayaschits*. Similarly, idols given by women, or served by them should also not be worshipped as those who d are

destined for and eternity in hell. This is specifically aimed at males, as by going to such places where women are serving the idols can cause their mind to wander causing it to be deluded and think of that which is unworthy to be thought of in such situation.

Note that there are so many leaders in Hinduism of which many are worthy of such stature and others that are not. Lord Swaminaryan has provided for us the *Acharya* heritage of *Dharma Kul* and it is there that are the true worthy *Gurus* of the Swaminaryana Sampradai. It is these *Gurus* which we must pledge our allegiance to. Worship to *Murtis* installed by Him and given by Hill will derive fruits. No other supposed fictitious *Guru* of the Swaminaryaa Sampradai has such right or power and so allegiance to either the *Acharya* of Ahmedabad or Vadtal, as per the explicit wishes of the Lord himself, will gain us a place in the heavens. Never will following a supposed fictitious *Guru* reap the same benefits.

#### **Publication of ‘Subodh Sagar’ Granth (in Hindi language)**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, ‘*Subodh Sagar*’ book, which has already been published in Gujarati as well as in English languages, is now published in Hindi language also. Under the guidance of H.H.Shri Mota Gadiwala and Poojari Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwarandnji, translation of the book has been done by devotee Shri Tarunbhai Raval. Devotees Shri Bhaskarbhai Jaidevbhai Brahmhatt and devotee Dr. Manojbhai Jaidevbhai Brahmhatt and devotee Shri Dhaval Brahmhatt has rendered the services for publication of this book which is available in *Sahitya Kendra* of Ahmedabad temple.

#### **Publication of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of ‘Sadguru Prasadand Swamini Vato’ book**

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Atmprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of ‘*Sadguru Prasadand Swamini Vato*’ has been published. Devotee Shri Parshottamdas Dharshibhai Thakkar (Viramgam) has rendered the services for publication of this book. This book was released by H.H.Shri Mota Maharaj on the pious day of *Patotsav* on *Fagan Vad-8*. This book is available in *Sahitya Kendra* of Ahmedabad and Jetalpur temples.

# SAFFRON COLOUR

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Tyagi of Hindu Dharma wear clothes of saffron colour. There are various traditions in each *Sampradaya* (sect) as to which type of clothes should be worn. There are a number of reasons hidden behind selection of saffron colour by *Sattvik Sampradaya*. The Saffron colour, as searched by the scriptures, has been accepted by the Science.

Saffron colour is somewhat light-red colour. Saffron colour is authenticated symbol of Agni (Fire) Element. Agni is capable of destroying everything. Another reason is that, with the sunrise the morning begins with saffron coloured sky. As per the Hindu scriptures, *Brahm-Muhurt* – the time of early morning – is considered to be the best time. By offering water to the Sun, one gets and regains health of body. The third reason is that, during the first phase of *Dhyan* (meditation) one gets Darshan of saffron colour. Awakening of soul (inner self) and getting *Darshan* of

*Paramatma* begins with saffron colour.

The next reason is that, to wear saffron coloured clothes means to pass through *Agni-pariksha* (severe test). And therefore it is prescribed for the married ladies devotees to perform *Kum-lum* (red) coloured *Chandlo* on their forehead. Shree Hari has also directed all devotees of our *Sampradaya* to perform red coloured round-shaped *Chandlo and Tilak* in the forehead.

Another reason is that, red colour is a symbol of Planet Mars. The planet of Mars is very staunch. And its colour is also red. The people believe in astrology strongly believe in the impact of the red colour of this planet. Even in *Vaishnav Sampradaya*, red coloured clothes are offered to Thakorji on Tuesday.

After changing fifty two pages about saints, Shreeji Maharaj has directed the saints to wear saffron coloured clothes and it is directed to Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees to wear red coloured clothes.

## **Katha-Parayan in Thara (Dis. Banaskantha)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, *Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan* is organized from 22/04/2012 to 26/04/2012 at Thara, Dist. Banaskantha. Balvi Mataji Samaj Seva Truast Kanabar family devotee Atmarambhai Isharlal Kanabar has rendered the services as the chief host. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji (Vadnagarwala) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) will be the spokespersons of this *Parayan*. (Rameshbhai Kanabar)

# TEMPLE – PLACE OF POSITIVE ENERGY

- Sadhu Devswaroopdas (Jaipur)

Among the various ways to obtain pleasure of *Parmeshwar*, *Bhakti* and *Upasana* are unique and the most effective ways. Among the three chief ways of *Yog*, *Gyan* and *Upasana*, the way of *Upasana* or *Bhakti* is the easiest, straightforward and very useful for all. This Way of *Bhakti* is open for all – children, youth, old, deceased, disabled, handicapped, orphan, poor, woman or man or without any discrimination of caste or creed. By performing ardent *Bhakti*, all people can get divine *Darshan* of the Lord and can obtain the pleasure of Shree Hari. But *Yog-Marg* and *Gyan-Marg* is not meant for all. Only a few selected persons can reach to God through *Yog* and *Gyan*.

The uniqueness of *Bhakti-marg*, is that one gets maturity automatically. All get eligibility to worship the God. Like the five elements, Earth, Water, Light, Air and Space, everybody can avail the benefit and cherish the divine blessings of God. A man has got birth right to worship. Only thing is that, he should be aware about his this right. In order that, everybody gets divine atmosphere, there have been thousands of temples at various places in India. It is the principle of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan that, temples should be constructed in all the villages and urban areas in the country as well as in abroad so that, everybody can get an easy way to worship. One may think, why only temples?

There are almost all things in the temple, which conserve positive energy from the atmosphere. So when we go to the temple, there is an impact of such positive energy upon us and we feel serenity inside the temple and its

premises. If we do not get peace anywhere then we should go to the temple. The temple may be very small but by sitting inside it we forget the worries of the whole world.

There are a number of reasons for such an effect upon our mind. First of all, we seek shelter of the God by surrendering ourselves to Him. We share all such things with God, which may have concealed from the world, from our society, our family. Therefore, we get peace of mind. We get relieved from the uneasiness. The second reason is *Vastu-Shastra* of the temple. Temple is constructed keeping in mind the perfect position and placement and direction of each and everything. Resultantly there is abundant positive energy in the temple. The third reason is that, the person going to the temple goes with confidence and positive thinking and positive attitude. This also creates positive energy in the temple. The fourth reason is ringing of bell and conch and echoes of the *Shlokas* in the temple. Such a voice purifies the temple. The fifth reason is smell of incense stick and *Dhoop*, which purifies and sanctifies the temple. All these things create positive energy in the temple, which have in turn a great impact upon ourselves. And therefore, we feel serenity and peace of mind.

There may be a very small temple in our village. We should go there everyday to perform divine *Darshan* and should obtain the pleasure of the deities and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints. By going to the temple regularly, it will have great and positive impact upon our daily schedule. So let us go to the temple daily and perform divine *Darshan* regularly. We should also take our children with us.

## BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ NARANGHAT TEMPLE

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

On Sunday 01/01/2012, *Grand Shakotsav* was celebrated in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat. A *sabha* was organized on this occasion. Many *Haribhaktas* were attending the *Sabha* while standing at one distant corner. While referring to these devotees, in His blessings, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj directed the saints to move an inch so that, these *Haribhaktas* can get sufficient space for themselves in the *Sabha*. Maharaj said that, to allow others, is also a kind of service. To allow others to perform *Darshan* in the temple is also a kind of service. And to allow others to breathe is also a kind of service.

Maharaj started the tradition of *Shakotsav* from village Loya. Now today, umpteen number of *Shakotsav* are organized and celebrated in one year in Shree Narnarayandev *Desh*. This is a matter of pride for all of us. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, all the devotees are happy and they earn their livelihood sufficiently. This is because of the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. While accepting *Prasad* of *Shakotsav*, our heart and inner self get purified.

Our these festivals, strengthen the

feeling of family among the devotees. All the devotees get together, they organize the festivals and then they celebrate and relish them collectively and accept *Mahaprasad* together. Otherwise, there are many families in this modern life, where members of one family cannot sit together for their meals.



When Shreeji Maharaj incarnated on this earth, then Maharaj selected the pious place of Ahmedabad to invoke the idol images of S h r e e Narnarayandev. Maharaj has said that, there is no difference between the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and Me. Therefore all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* should

cherish firm faith in these idol images. Importance of Shree Narnarayandev is explained in Vachanamrit-273.

While going to the school during our childhood and while passing by Subhash bridge in a jeep from our previous residence, we have seen Shri Gavaiya Swami rendering services for construction of Naranghat temple. Many a times, there were no devotees and Gavaiya Swami was all alone rendering services and toiling hard. Later on, many other saints and devotees joined in the noble task. Presently

Dev Swami, P.P. Swami have been rendering their services for the development of the temple and its activities. Yet, we have one noble task is yet to be achieved. The path of *Pradakshina* of our this temple is open to sky and therefore during the rainy season, when it is raining, the devotees performing *Pradakshina* fall down due to slippery path. We have to cover this path of *Pradakshina* with a ceiling. When the saints would undertake this noble task during this Summer season, all the devotees should render their services in this noble task. It is not necessary that, one should render services of lacs and crores of rupees. The willingness of the devotees and their ardent devotion while rendering services whatever, are very essential.

At this juncture, I get reminded of the famous incident of the Stone of *Prasadi* of our Shree Narnarayandev temple of Ahmedabad. A farmer was carrying the stone in his bullock cart. On his way, one of the bullocks got it leg broken. Then the farmer himself shouldered the cart and brought the stone to the temple. Shri Anandanand Swami narrated the whole incident to Shreeji Maharaj. Maharaj was so much pleased with the devotee that, He embraced the stone and blessed that, "*Whosoever would perform Darshan of this Stone when the doors of the inner temple are closed, he would get the fruits of performing Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev of this temple.*"

So here, the value of stone is due to ardent services rendered by the farmer who brought it to the temple. Today, nobody is asking us to render such services. But if we contribute a little from ourselves then Maharaj would be very much pleased with us. We cannot perform

*Mala* or *Pradakshina* but we should create congenial and convenient atmosphere for others so that, they can perform *Mala* and *Pradakshina*.

Sometimes people may ask a question : What is the need of so many temples? The answer is noble qualities and *Samskaras* would be preserved through the medium of these temples only. Today, many schools and colleges collect crores of rupees in the name of tuition fees and development charges but there is no guarantee of inculcating moral education and *Samskaras* in the students. Despite spending crores of rupees, there is no outcome in this regard. Whereas our temples ensure these things quite easily. If any person would come to the temple and would realize the importance of God or saint, then Maharaj would certainly bless him. Similarly if any person brings his parents in the temple, then his future is bright because he is rendering great services.

At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the host devotees of *Shakotsav* and all other *Haribhaktas* in the *Sabha*.

#### Appointment of new Mahant in our temples

H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj has been pleased to direct to make appointment of new Mahant in our following temples:

**Mathura** : Sadguru Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji Guru Sadguru Swami Devprasaddasji. Mob. No.- 07412543100 Kothari Swami : 07417543099

**Naranpura-Ahmedabad** : Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Jetalpur Aksharmaholvadi)

**Makansar-Morbi** : Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Mahant of Charadva temple)

## PRECIOUS MEDICINES OF EMANCIPATION BY SHREE GOPALANAND SWAMI

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt (Bhuj)

Mahamuktraj Shree Gopalanand Swami has been recognized as 'Sagar of Amrut' (Ocean of Nectar). Shree Gopalanand Swami was born on Shravan Sud-15 Samvat 1833 in village Torda near village Takatuka and Bhiloda of Sabarkantha district. His father was Motiram Rajeshwar Thaker and mother Shri Jiviba. Both of them were ardent devotees. The boy was named Khushal. His childhood is full of miraculous incidents.

When the little Khushal came to know about Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan from Kashiram and Murlidhar devotees of Vadashinor, he became eager to meet Him. Shree Hari had sent Ramdasbhai, the disciple of Ramanand Swami, to bring Khushal from Torda village. From there Khushal came to Dabhan and performed divine Darshan of Shree Hari. Under the directions of Shree Hari, Khushal returned home. When Shree Hari graced to Jetalpur, He went in the form of a Brahmin to bring Khushal. In *Samvat 1864*, Shree Hari granted *Bhagwati Diksha* to Khushal in *Akshar Auradi* of Darbar of Dada Khachar and he was named 'Gopalanand Swami'.

For emancipation of the devotees and people of this world, Shree Gopalanand Swami has offered many divine solutions by delivering talks and lectures on *Dhyan, Bhakti, Upasana, how Tyagi* should behave, how to get rid

of laziness, how to acquire supreme knowledge etc.

To know Shree Hari completely and appropriately so that, we may cherish ardent faith in the idol images of Shree Hari is the essence of everything. Swamiji has stated that, there are seven types of *Muktas*. *Muktas of Devlok, Vaiknuth, Badrikashram, Shwet-Dwip, Golok and Akshar*. While explaining the importance of Shree Hari Swamiji has stated that, just as among the stones and gold, one is natural to get attracted towards the gold, the devotee through the real understanding offered by saints, knows and understands Shree Hari better and then it is natural for such devotee or person to get attracted towards Shree Hari. By thinking about the self, the faith is strengthened. In fact every human being is associated with this world through *Maya*. He is associated through his family, parents, relatives and friends.

While '*Bhakta Chintamani*' was being written, Shree Hari had asked Shree Nishkulanand Swami to add a chapter about Shree Gopalanand Swami. Even after return of Shree Hari to *Akshardham* in *Samvat 1886*, Shri Gopalanand Swami lived for 22 years and offered the books of our *Sampradaya* such as '*Upanishad Bhashya*', '*Brahmsutrarthdip*', '*Shrimad Bhagwat Gita Bhashya*', '*Veda Stuti Shruty Bodhini*', '*Shandilya Sutra Bhakti Prakashika*' and *Marathi translation of 'Shiksha Patri'*.











# SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

## Opinions of visiting Devotees and Haribhaktas

This is a unique Museum. While performing divine *Darshan* of Shree Narnarayandev in Hall No.8, one feels divine serenity. I came for the first time to perform divine *Darshan*. Earlier I was operated upon for six times for the disease of Cancer. Last month also, I was operated upon. By performing divine *Darshan* of Shree Narnarayandev in Hall No.8, I got cured of the pain and miseries of the disease. Jay Shree Swaminarayan (Patel Jagdishbhai Gandabhai)

It has been a year already. Can't believe, it gives us a warm feeling, a life-long Dream of Yours has come true. Thank you for giving the Satsangis this opportunity. The architecture is well constructed and the Museum just blows you away with its Greatness. One day is not enough, we come to Ahmedabad. The Museum will always be on top of the list.

The Museum gives us a warm feeling & makes us forget our worries. This Museum beats only other Museum in the UK. It will always be special to us. (Kantibhai,

Dhanuben, Vanisha, Bhavesh, Dhires, Mital, Vyan & Bhavya Halai- London (UK)

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan got constructed first ever temple of Sampraday in Ahmedabad; Similarly, first ever Shree Swaminarayan Museum of Sampraday in Ahmedabad and thereby blessings are poured upon all Satsangi devotees and *Haribhaktas*. It can be said that, all Things of *Prasadi* of Shree Hari are placed at one place. And therefore, this Museum is wonderful. Jay Shree Swaminarayan. (Lalji R. Thakkar, Bapunagar)

While entering the premises of the Museum, one feels divinity which cannot be expressed in any words. This has been a rare experience of life. (Kundanben Jagda, Rajula)

All incidents of '*Bhakta Chintamani*' of Nishkulanand Swami come before our eyes, while visiting the divine Museum. (Dr.Urla Agrawal, Delhi)

All the members of our family felt divinity while performing *Darshan* of Museum. With the blessings of Shree Hari my sister cleared her C.A. successfully and all other works of our family were also completed successfully. (Ghanshyambhai Soni)

## List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna Marchy-2012

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| • Rs.50,000/- Baldevbhai Laldas Patel- Zulasanwana (salary was being deposited as per noble <i>Sankalp</i> ), Ahmedabad             | • Rs.6,001/- One lady devotee (offered the golden earring in box of offering of Shree Narnarayandev) |
| • Rs.30,000/- Bhanuben Sureshkumar Patel- Bapunagar   | • Rs.5,001/- One lady devotee (offered the golden earring in box of offering of Shree Narnarayandev) |
| • Rs.25,000/- Akshar Nivasi Shantaben Khimjibhai Patel (Meda) Ahmedabd through Ratibhai and Govindbhai (for maintenance of Museum). | • Rs.5,001/- Akshar Nivasi Shantaben Lavjibhai Solanki-Thakkarnagar.                                 |
| • Rs.15,000/- Ghanshyam Engineering Industries- Ahmedabad through Kaushikbhai Joshi.  | • Rs.5,001/- Patel Minaben Pravinkumar Shantilal on the occasion of obtaining Visa of Canada.        |
| • Rs.12,051/- Trustee Shri Ratibhai- Meda in the memory of mother Shantaben.  | • Rs.5,001/- Akshar Nivasi Dudhiben Mohanbhai Patel – Juna Vadaj through Dhaval Arvindbhai Patel     |
| • Rs.11,111/- Pareshkumar Rambhai Patel through Punambhai- Sunav  | • Rs.5,000/- Maheshbhai S. Patel- Lalodawala (at present Vapi)                                       |
| • Rs.11,000/- Atmarambhai Shankarbhai Patel- Ranip through Jayendrabhai A. Patel  | • Rs.5,000/- Hitendra M. Darji (Advocate)- Ghatlodiya  |

## List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of *Abhishek* of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum March-2012

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| 08/03/2012 Biren Janardanbhai Desai- Australia                                | 25/03/2012 Shree Narnarayandev Satsang Mandal- Marusana through Madhabhai Patel (in the memory of Sadguru Swami Niranjandasji (Guru of Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariswaroopdasji) |
| 11/03/2012 Varshaben Ashwinbhai Dalsukhbhai Soni-Saylawala through Jimesh     | Patel Shaileshbhai Govindbhai- Mokhasan  |
| 13/03/2012 Jayendrabhai Atmaram Patel- Danarawa through Udayanbhai Maharaj    |  |
| 14/03/2012 Chaudhary Muljibhai Sendhabhai- Manekpur through Jivatben and Amit | 29/03/2012   |

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**CHARITRA OF BHAGWAN IS  
BENEVOLENT**

**- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)**

One day Shreeji Maharaj was sitting in the Sabha of the devotees and Haribhaktas. In the Sabha, Maharaj expressed the desire to celebrate Vasantotsav in village Dabhan and directed the devotees and Haribhaktas to make all the necessary arrangements. There would be beautiful surroundings as there would be flowers on all plants and trees during this beautiful season. Kavi Dalpatram has rightly said:

“३ओ जुओ आ ऋतुराज आव्यो, मुकाम तेणे वनमां जमाव्यो,  
त३वरो ओ शलगार किंधो, जगणे वसंते शरपाव दिंधो.”

Following the directions of Shree Hari, all the devotees and Haribhaktas prepared the colour of Keshuda flowers and also kept ready the bags of *Gulal* (red colour powder) and sprinklers. On the pious day, Shree Hari and the devotees and saints played *Rangotsav*. Even the deities were present in the divine sky watching Leela of Shree Hari. Then Maharaj took bath and then offered *Prasad* of *Kharek-Khajur* (Dry fruits-dates) to all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*.

At that time Muljibhai Vanik came to Maharaj and offered gold carved shield whose value was about 100 *Kori*. Shreeji Maharaj took out knife from the waist and struck it towards the shield twice and there were two holes of two and four inches in the shield. Muljibhai Vanik was surprised at this.

Friends, nothing from *Leela-Charitra* of Maharaj is useless and superfluous. There is a message behind every such *Leela-Charitra* which is benevolent for the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Therefore, the devotees who read and cherish *Leela-Charitra* with ardent faith and trust, will certainly get emancipation in life.

**PROTECTION OF BHAKTA**

**- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)**

“भद्रयाह्वान्ति वातोऽयं सूर्यस्तपति भद्रयात् ।  
वर्षतीन्द्रो दहत्यग्नि मृत्युश्चरति भद्रयात् ॥”

The following incident confirms the above Shloka of the great Hindu scripture '*Bhagwat*

**શ્રીશંગ ભાલવાટિકા**  
**SATSANG BALVATIKA**

- Compiler Shastri Harikehsavdasji  
(Gandhinagar)

*Gita*. Adbhutanand Swami has written this incident about the village Kholadiyad. One devotee Rudabhai was residing in the village Kholadiyad. One day Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan graced the residence of devotee Rudabhai for two days. Devotees and Haribhaktas came there to perform divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj. The next day in the evening, Maharaj asked the devotee Rudabhai whether he was taking care of his house and other requirements. At that time there was drought in the region. At that time there were no facilities of transportation and other machineries of the modern age. So grains from other states could not be brought in such drought affected areas.

Shree Hari asked the devotee Rudabhai whether he had sufficient grains in his house to subsist his family for the whole year or until it rains. Rudabhai said that, he had stock of grains only for four months. Maharaj asked what he would do when the grains would be exhausted. Rudabhai smiled and said that, he would go to Akshardham when Shree Hari comes to take him!!! Maharaj inquired whether he was having gold ornaments so that the ornaments could be sold. Rudabhai said that, he had no any gold ornaments.

Then Maharaj asked him to go to Loya village and to work in Vaadi of Sura Khachar and thereby he would earn money and would help survive himself and his family. Rudabhai said that, he was Darbar - Nadoda Rajput by caste it was not suitable for him to work in the field or farm. Moreover, he also did not know the skill of farming. When Maharaj asked at which place his field was situated. Devotee Rudabhai said that his field was situated on the way to village Chanpar. The next day Maharaj left the village. Maharaj asked devotee Rudabhai to come with him. On their way, Maharaj asked about the details of his

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FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI  
GADIWALA

'KATHA BRINGS CHANGE IN LIFE'

- Compilation Kotak Varsha Natvarlal,  
Ghodasar)

*Kathamrit* is Amrit (nectar) in Kaliyug. Paramatma has granted us the blessings of *Kathamrit* so that we do not get stuck up in worldly affairs and the world of *Maya*. But many times we see that, there is no impact of *Katha* upon the people who come to listen to *Katha*. Now to have an appropriate of *Katha* upon the devotees, its spokesperson should be like Shukdevji. He should be man of principles. There is consistency in action and words of such a spokesperson of *Katha*. He should be a noble and gentle person. He should have command over the language.

Similarly, the audience should be like king Parikshit. He should be interested and eager to listen to *Katha* very attentively. He should be pure in his mind and intentions. By listening to *Katha* with such a state of mind, one gets completely absorbed during *Kathamrit*. One develops his level of concentration by listening to *Katha*. His mind and body get purified when he listens to *Katha*. There comes a positive and beneficial change in his life. By absorbing and implementing the preachings of *Katha* in our life, we get emancipation in our life and our life becomes happy and peaceful.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> Vachanamrit of Sarangpur, Shreeji Maharaj has said that, one gets divine *Darshan* of Maharaj who performs *Katha-Varta* and *Dhyan* in ardent faith of God. He should also perform *Shravan* (to listen) and *Manan* (to think over what is heard) after listening to *Katha*. By taking bath in Ganga of *Kathamrit*, one gets his inner self purified and sanctified. Nowadays, persons take care of their body rather than their mind and inner self. There is excessive care and affection towards outward appearance and figure of the body. But there is need of equal attention and care of our mind and inner self also. And this is possible through listening to *Kathamrit*.

## भक्तिसुधा BHAKTI-SUDHA

UPASANA SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD  
PROPERLY

- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

*Bhakta* or devotee of Almighty Bhagwan should perform ardent *Bhakti* and *Upasana*. He should try to understand the real Form of Bhagwan and the scriptures through *Saint-samagam*. Once knowledge about *Bhagwan* is obtained there should not be any logical debate on this. Just as a little child introduced with other family members and then he never questions such relationship on any logic because he has believed them faithfully with trust and faith; similarly a devotee should never argue or debate or question his relationship with Almighty God. In this sense, *Upasana* means 'to sit close to God'.

Therefore, all the devotees should constantly perform *Dhyan*, *Ratan*, *Pooja-path*, and listening to Leela Charitra of Shree Hari ardently and religiously. This will certainly help them protect themselves against all the enemies of inner self. This faith is very important. The number '0' has no value without number '1'. By using this analogy, all devotees are like number '0' and they have value only when they have ardent faith and *Bhakti* which is number '1'. By cherishing ardent faith, one becomes successful in all the affairs of his life. But first of all, a devotee should purify himself. He should try to be pious. He should try to inculcate noble and religious feelings in his mind. He should seek complete surrender of Bhagwan and then only there would be peace and happiness in his life.

SHREE HARI HELPS REAL DEVOTEES

- Sankhya Yogi Gitaba (Viramgam)

We are very much blessed as Shreeji Maharaj has granted us birth on this pious Bharatkhanda. Therefore, all of us should perform ardent worship and *Bhakti*. Just as our

body needs daily food and meals to get energy and charm and freshness. Similarly our self and mind also need *Nitya Aradhana* (daily worship) for purification and divine energy of the soul. We should make conscious efforts to get rid of *Maya* of this world and to worship Almighty Bhagwan, as it is the ultimate goal of human life.

There was one devotee Rukmaibai of village Pithvadi. She was an ardent devotee of Shree Hari and she used to scrupulously follow all *Nitya-Niyam* prescribed in our *Sampradaya* and the scriptures. At an appropriate age, her parents married her with Kalyanbhai of Haliyad. Now there was no satsang in the house of her in-laws. There was no observance of any rules and regulations of cleanliness and piety. They did not believe in any religion or god either. So they did not like any religious beliefs and acts of the daughter-in-law. But Rukmaibai was firm in her faith and she would tolerate everything but would not forsake her religious duties. She was tortured like anything by her mother-in-law and sister-in-law. They used to mix up onion and garlin in the meals, which she could not eat. At such times she would drink only milk or would perform fasting but would not utter even a single word against her in-laws.

Just as water is the life for marine insects and fish, *Bhagwan* is life for a *Bhakta*. Just as the roots of a tree always remain stuck up with the soil, the inner self and concentration of an ardent *Bhakta* always remain in touch with *Bhagwan*. Condition of Rukmaibai was very wretched as nobody in her in-laws would take care of her. They would beat her and would harrass her mentally and physically. Yet, Rukmaibai was tolerating everything without any word against such tortures. She had firm

faith in Shree Hari and therefore she was performing *Kirtan* of nand saints:

રંગીલા કાન છેટે રહેવું તે વારી નવ ઘટે,  
રંગીલા કાન મળ્યા વિના તો પીડા નવ મટે,  
રંગીલા કાન બ્રહ્માનંદની અરજી તે સાંભળો,  
રંગીલા કાન આવી એકાન્તે મુંજને મળો.

At one night, Shree Hari granted divine *Darshan* to devotee Rukmaibai. In her dream, the devotee ardently requested Shree Hari that, she wanted to live with Laduba and Jivuba in Gadhpur. Shreeji Maharaj blessed her and in no moment she was there in Gadhpur with Laduba and Jivuba!!! In the morning, when the husband opened the door of the room, he found that, there was nobody inside the room. When searched and inquired they learnt that Rukmaibai was there in Gadhpur. The whole family went to Gadhpur to bring her home. The moment they performed divine *Darshan* of Shree Hari and the ardent devotees like Jivuba and Laduba their hearts were transformed and all of them became the ardent devotees.

From the next day onwards, all the members of the family of in-laws of Rukmaibai started worshipping Shree Hari ardently. And gradually *Satsang Sabha* was also being conducted in their house. They all repented for all that they did with Rukmaibai in the past. Now all of them were extending all their supports in ardent worship and *Bhakti* of Rukmaibai. Gradually, satsang was spread in the whole village and now there were many devotees and *Haribhaktas* of Shree Hari in the village. This was due to only firm faith and *Bhakti* of the devotee like Rukmaibai.

It is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, all of us become ardent and staunch devotees like Rukmaibai and like her perform ardent worship and *Bhakti*.

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field. During their journey they talked about many things. It was pious company of Maharaj for the devotee like Rudabhai. Now the question is what should we do if we want such a pious company of Shree Hari. The simple answer is that, we should perform Mala, Manasi Pooja and Dhoon and should also listen to Katha. Now after some time, Shreeji Maharaj

asked Rudabhai to return to his village.

So while returning to his village Kholadiyad, Rudabhai saw that, there was rain only in his field and the crops were green and ripe. The people of the whole village thronged together to witness the miracle that, it rained only in the field of Rudabhai though there were many fields and farms adjoining it. This was due

**Celebration of Phuldotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad**

*Prakryotsav* of Shree Narnarayandev is celebrated on the pious day of Fagan Sud-15 as *Phuldotsav* in Shree Swaminarayan temple Ahmedabad. Only lucky devotees can avail the benefit of divine *Darshan* of this *utsav*. Shreeji Maharaj used to organized and celebrate such *utsav* in every village and thousands of people used to avail the benefit of divine *Darshan* of such *utsav*. Other Forms of Shree Hari, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj perform *Rangotsav* with saints and devotees in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev.

This time, when H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the *Sabha Mandap* then thousands of devotees and *Haribhaktas* and ladies devotees were eagerly waiting to get themselves coloured. Then grand *utsav* was celebrated. With the inspiration of Mahant Swami, devotee Shri Ghanshyam Bhai Karshanbhai Patel (Dharampur) rendered the services as the host of *Phuldotsav*. Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat and J.K. Swami and other saints made beautiful arrangements. (Shastri Narayan Munidas)

**Shree Narnarayandev Religious Examination Department**

With the blessings and directions of our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, result of examination conducted by Shree Narnarayandev Examination Department was declared. From 40 centres, 2360 students appeared in the examination. (1) Bal Vibhag-1, total 910 appeared, Pass-895, Fail-15 (2) Kishor Vibhag-1, total 1450 appeared, Pass-1437, Fail-13

In **Bal Satsang Bhag-1** following students obtained the highest marks (1) Valiya Piyush Vashrambhai 100%, Asarw Gurukul. (2) Patel Jinalben Hasmukhbhai 100% Anandpura. (3) Patel Mitalben Rakeshbhai 100% Anandpura. (4) Dabhi Meghnaben Vinodbhai 100% Dangarva. (5) Patel Priyankaben Pankajbhai 100% Balwa. (6) Patel Sayona Bharatbhai 100% Balwa. (7) Patel Happyben Vishnubhai 100% Balwa. (8) Finviya Harshal Kiswhorbhai 98%, Karmshakti. (9) Sugahiya Kishan Ramjibhai 96%, Harshad temple. (10) Kotadiya Priyank Rameshbhai 96%, Karmshakti. (11) Bhalani Krishna Chandreshbhai 99%, Harshad temple. (12) Patel Muskan Bharatbhai 98% Harshad temple. (13) Siyani Abhishek Sureshbhai 96%, Harshad temple. (14) Ganagaliya Sharadbhai Dineshbhai 95% Koteswar Gurukul. (15) Desai Manan Jayantibhai 95% Koteswar Gurukul. (16) Patel Akshaykumar Dashrathbhai 95% Koteswar Gurukul.

In **Kishor Satsang Vibhag-2** following students obtained the highest marks (1) Kalsariya Rutvik Jadvbhai 100%, Asarwa Gurukul. (2) Ramani Darshan Ghanshyambhai 100% Asarwa Gurukul. (3) Patel Chirag Shambhubhai 100% Asarwa Gurukul. (4) Katariya Chetan Manubhai 100%

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Asarwa Gurukul. (5) Gangani Maulik Ghanshyambhai 100% Asarwa Gurukul. (6) Patel Divyesh Arvindbhai 100% Asarwa Gurukul. (7) Patel Punamben Sureshbhai 100% Marusana. (8) Patel Mintuben Natvarlal 100%, Balwa. (9) Patel Lataben Dilipbhai 100%, Balwa. (10) Patel Sonalben Mukeshbhai 100%, Balwa. (11) Khokhar Yash Vitthalbhai 96%, Harshad temple. (12) Papdal Darshan Shantilal 95% Harshad temple. (13) Goti Hardik Jagdishbhai 95%, Karmshakti temple. (14) Patesl Shubh Prahladbhai 95% Karmshakti temple. (15) Vekariya Kaushal Dahyabhai 95% Karmshakti temple. (16) Sojitra Parth Vijaybhai 95% Koteswar Gurukul. (17) Bharpal Aakash Satishbhai 95%, Koteswar Gurukul. (18) Bharpal Mehul Satishbhai 95% Koteswar Gurukul. (Devani Ranchhodhbhai)

**Celebration of 186<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj in Jetalpurdham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami, 186<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in Jetalpurdham. Akshar Nivasi devotee Khodabhai Manibai Patel through Ashokbhai, Kalpeshbhai and Parshottambhai Dharamshibhai Patel (Kashindra) family rendered the services as the host of this *Patotsav*. On this occasion *Homatmak Hariyaag* was organized from 14/03/2012 to 15/03/2012. On *Fagan Vad-8*, at 7.00 hours in the morning, *Shodasopchar Mahabhishek* of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

In the *sabha* organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura temple) narrated beautiful *Katha* of importance of Jetalpurdham. The host family performed *poojan-archan-aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

Third edition of the book '*Sadguru Prasadnand Swamini Vato*' was released on this occasion by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Devotee Shri Parshottambhai Dharshibhai Thakkar (Viramgam) rendered the services in publication of this book. Moreover, the devotees who rendered their services for developing new Haveli (ladies) were also honoured on this occasion. Saints from various places like Dholka, Chhapaiyadham, Muli, Mahesana, Jaipur, Limbdi, Kalupur-Ahmedabad, Charadva and Jamiyatpura had also arrived on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and then performed concluding ritual of *Yagna* and *Annakut aarti*. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Bhaktinandandas. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas)

**Celebration of *Shaher Choryasi* and *Patotsav* of Kankaria temple (Rambaug)**

With the blessings of Shree Hari and H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji, grand *Choryasi Mahotsav* was celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankariya from 21/02/2012 to 27/02/2012. In the memory of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Harigovinddasji and on the pious occasion of 98<sup>th</sup> year of Sadguru Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddasji Swami, *Shrimad Satsangibhusan Saptah Parayan* was organized. Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji (Asarwa) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushgottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) were the spokespersons of this *Parayan*. On the first day grand *Pothi yatra* was organized. Then H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and inaugurated '*Shree Vrajendra Bhuvan*' *aarti* of beginning of *Katha* was performed. On this occasion '*Kankaria Mahatmya*' booklet was released by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*.

In the *Sabha* of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. In the first session of the *Katha, Prakatyotsav* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated. On 25/02/2012 *Mahapooja* was organized which was concluded by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. At last the host families were honoured.

On 27/02/2012, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed *Mahabhishek* of Thakorji in Vedic tradition. Thereafter, concluding ritual of *Katha* was performed. On this occasion, Shri Akhileshwardasji Maharaj, Mahanto Jagannathji temple, Shri Atmanand Saraswatiji (Botad), Shri Chaitanya Shambhu Maharaj, Shri Pravinbhai Togadiya and saints from various places had arrived. Poojari Swami Devkrishnadasji offered beautiful *Shangar* to Thakorji, whose *Darshan* was performed by all. On this occasion Sadguru Swami Rajendraprasaddasji, Shastri Golokviharidasji, Shastri Satyaprakashdasji, Kunjvihar Swami, Bhanu Swami, Bhaktiprasad Swami and Narottam Bhagat had rendered great services. On the occasion of *Parayan, 21 Samhita Path* was performed by the saints. Saints and devotees had availed the benefit of *Katha* and *Prasad* for seven days.

*Haribhaktas* of Sabarmati area had rendered the services as the host of *Parayan*. Devotee Shri Vindbhai Valjibhai Soni (Kenya) rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav* and devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Parekh (Gamdi) rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav* of Kastbhanjandev.

Kankariya Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kuha village, Mahila Mandal and all *Haribhaktas* of Kankaria area had rendered their great and inspirational services. Cultural programmes were also organized on this occasion. *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Yagnaprakashdas.

(Shastri Yagnaprakashdas)

**Celebration of 7<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Approach (Bapunagar) temple**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of the whole *Dharmkul* and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji, 7-*Patotsav* of the temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 01/03/2012.

*Mahabhishek* and *Annakut aarti* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj were performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Vedic tradition. On this occasion saints from Ahmedabad, Kankariya, Haridwar, Badrinath, Prantij temples had also arrived.

In the *sabha* organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji and Shastri Hariprakashdasji had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj honoured Kothari of the temple devotee Dhirubhai Kothariya (who retired as such voluntarily) and newly appointed Kothari devotee Shri Rameshbhai Khichadiya. The devotee Shri Kalubhai Govindbhai Gajera family who rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav* were blessed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had also arrived on this occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. Yuvak Mandal had rendered praiseworthy services.

(Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

**Celebration of *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip was celebrated on 03/03/2012 with great fervour and enthusiasm.

First of all, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Abhishek* of Thakorji in temple, performed *aarti* and concluding ritual of *Yagna*. Thereafter new *Sabha-Khand* (hall) was inaugurated. In the *Sabha* Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji narrated *Katha-varta*. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Abhayprakashdasji, Divyaprakashdas and Muni Swami delivered their inspirational speeches. At last, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was inspirational.

(Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

**Celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Dharmkul, 5-*Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya was celebrated with great fervour on Saturday 03/03/2012. Shodasopchar *Abhishek* of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed in the morning from 6.00 to 7.00 hours. At 8.00 hours, H.H. Shri

Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and saints and devotees performed grand *Samaiyu*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Annakut Aarti* of Thakorji.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Akshar Nivasi devotee Kantilal Jaoitaram Bhavsar, Shri Dineshbhai and Shri Vindbhai family, who rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav*, performed *poojan-archan-aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The *sabha* was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple). Trustees and devotees of Ghatlodiya temple welcomed H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with garlands.

Sadguru Mahant Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Raghuvir Swami, Krishnaprasad Swami, Bhakti Swami, Jagdish Swami and Abhay Swami had arrived on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. (Pravinbhai Patel)

#### **Celebration of Patotsav of Kothamba temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Madhav Swami and with the auspices of Sadguru Shyam Swami, Shastri Uttam Swami and Shastri Bhaktinandandasji, 17<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kothamba was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 20/03/2012. Kothari Govindbhai Rasiklal Kachhiya family had rendered the services as the host of this *Patotsav*. First of all *Abhishek* of Thakorji and *Shobha yatra* were performed. Thereafter the host family performed *poojan* of the saints. In the afternoon 2.00 to 5.00 hours, *Satsang Shibir* of the ladies devotees organized in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala. At last all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of *Darshan* and *Prasad*. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shastri Bhaktinandandas)

#### **Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaloli (Dist. Kheda)**

On completion of 25 years of Kaloli temple of Shree Revtiji Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj, Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav of the temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Shrimad Bhagwat Dasham Sknada Tridinatmak Parayan was organized from 08/03/2012 to 10/03/2012.. Sadguru Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji and Shastri Bhaktinandandasji were the spokespersons of Parayan. Simultaneously Tridinatmak Mahavishnu Yaag was also organized wherein many devotees rendered the services as the hosts.

On 10/03/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji and concluding ritual as well as Annakut aarti and then graced the Sabha. In the Sabha, the host families had performed poojan-archan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Saints from various places such

as Jetalpur, Chhpaiyadham, Muli, Charadva, Mathura, Naranpura, Kankariya, Kalupur, Mahesana and Kheda had arrived on this occasion and narrated their inspirational speeches. Devotees Shri Ranchodbhai Ganatra (who offered his house for expansion of temple) and Akshari Nivasi Popatbhai Laljibhai Thakkar rendered the services of five lacs rupees for construction of new temple. At last, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. Services of volunteer young devotees was inspirational. Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji organized the whole programme.

(Mahant K.P. Swami, Jetalpur)

#### **Satsangijivan Panchan Parayan in Chhpaiyadham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami, *Shrimad Satsangijivan Parayan* was organized from 28/02/2012 to 03/03/2012. Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Jetalpurdham) was the spokesperson of the *Parayan*. Devotee Shri Harikrishnabha and Haribhaktas of his *Mandal* had also arrived to avail the benefit of *Katha*.

P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham had arrived on this occasion and blessed the host devotees. From 05/03/2012 to 07/03/2012 *Mahavishnu Yaag* was organized by the devotees of Surat. On 07/03/2012 *Shodasopchar Mahabhishek* of the deities was performed. Thereafter *Annakut Darshan* was organized whose benefit was availed by all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. The whole arrangement was made by Brahmachari Shastri Hariswarupanandji and Brahmachari Pavitrnanand. (Kanubhai and Ambalal Dave, Chhpaiyadham)

#### **Shri Bhaktachintamani Panchan Parayan in Gandhinagar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Shrimad *Bhaktachintamani Panchan Parayan* was organized. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mahant of Mansa temple) was the spokesperson of the *Parayan*. Devotee Shri Ravjibhai Ishwarbhai Patel family rendered the services as the host of *Parayan*.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion and blessed the host devotees. By accepting the invitation of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees.

Saints like Shastri Swami Atmprakashdsaji from Jetalpurdham, Dev Swami, Madhav Swami from Ayodhya, Kothari J.K. Swami of Ahmedabad temple, Vishnu Swami, Mahant V.P. Swami of Kalol, J.P. Swami of Muli, Premswarup Swami and saints from AAdraj, Jamiyatpura and Mansa had arrived on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji Guru J.P. Swami (Junagadh). (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Mansa)

#### **Bhoomi Poojan of new temple at Motera**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008

Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Dharmswaroopdasji Guru Swami Jankivallabhdasji (Nathdwara), *Bhoomi Poojan* of new *Hari-temple* at village Motera (Tal. Kathlal) was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

In the *sabha* organized on the occasion, leading devotees performed *poojan-archan-aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Sadguru Swami Jankivallabhdasji, Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji and Yogi Swami from Ahmedabad had arrived On this occasion. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was very much pleased with and blessed Swami Dharmswaroopdasji and Haribhaktas. Devotees of Aantroli, Kathlal, Sendhali, Vasna and Kapadwanj had availed the benefit of rendering services. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji. Vivek Swami, Shreeji Swami, Narendra Bhagat and Vikrambhai had rendered their beautiful services.

(Jitu Bhagat, Nathdwara)

#### **Celebration of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhat**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami, Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhat was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion the host family performed *Mahapooja*, *Abhishek*, *Annakut aarti*. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and V.P. Swami narrated *Katha-Varta*. Mahant Das Swami of temple had made beautiful arrangements.

(Shastri Bhaktinandandas)

#### **Celebration of 6<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kashindra**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami, 6<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kashindra was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Jasubhai Patel rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav*. On 16/03/2012 Mahapooja was performed. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and devotees performed grand Samaiyu. Then H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed Annakut aarti in temple of Haribhaktas and then performed Shodasopchar Abhishek and Annakut aarti in the temple of ladies devotees. In the Sabha the host family performed *poojan-archan* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion, Shyam Swami, Mahant K.P. Swami, Bhaktinandan Swami and Shastri Purnaprakashdasji and saints from Kalupur temple had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was inspirational.

(Shastri Bhaktinandandas, Jetalpurdham)

#### **Celebration of 86<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarwa**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji and Sadguru Shyastri Swami Anandjivandasji, 86<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarwa was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 25/02/2012 to 29/02/2012.

On this occasion *Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchanh Parayan* was organized from 25/02/2012 to 29/02/2012. Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chandraprakashdasji (Mahant of Siddhpur temple) were the spokespersons of the Parayan. On the first day, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and beautiful cultural programme was organized. Grand Samaiyu of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was also organized in the temple.

Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Shodasopchar Abhishek*, *Annakut aarti* of Thakorji and graced the *Sabha* wherein the host families performed *poojan-archan-aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

Saints from Ahmedabad, Muli, Vadtal, Mansa and Chhpaiyadham had arrived on this occasion and delivered their inspirational speeches. Then H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed concluding ritual *aarti of Parayan* and blessed the whole village. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also arrived on this occasion and blessed the ladies devotees.

(Dabhi Mafraji Sardaji, Dangarwa)

#### **Celebration of 70<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Govindpura**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadhu Bhaktvatsaldasji, 70<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Govindpura was celebrated on 11/03/2012. Devotee Shri Mukeshbhai Atmaramdas family rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav*. On this occasion, Sadhu Bhaktvatsaldas and Poojari Vandanprakashdas (Limbdii) narrated *Katha-Varta*. Shobha-yatra of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was also organized on this occasion. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered inspirational services.

(Kothari Rajeshbhai)

#### **Satsang Sabha in Bhabhar (Banaskantha)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Satsang Sabha was organized at the residence of devotee Vanrajsinh Himatsinh Rathod village Bhabhar of district Banaskantha on

27/02/2012. Leading *Haribhaktas* from Deesa, Thara, Harij, Radhanpur, Diyodar, Devkapdi places had arrived on this occasion. Devotee Shri Natubhai Kanabar came from village Viridi which is situated at a distance of 500 k.m. from village Bhabhar. In Thara, temple of Balvi Mataji (family goddess of Kanabar family) has been constructed at the cost of Rs.65 lacs. With the sincere and devout efforts of devotee Shri Natubhai Kanabar, about 400 families become Satsangi of Shree Narnarayandev. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj are very much pleased with the devotee of Banaskantha. (Rameshbhai Narbherambhai Kanabar, Bhabhar)

## MULI DESH

### Invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nyara (Halara)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, invocation of the idol images Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nyara under Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Muli Desh was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 24/02/2012 to 28/02/2012. With the divine inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Keshavjivandaji and Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and with the guidance of Mahant Sadguru Swami Narayanprasadasi of Muli temple, beautiful Hari-temple has been constructed in the village. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda Panchan Paryan was organized. Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Mahant of Kalol temple) and Sadguru Shastri Hariprakashdasji (Mahant of Charadwa temple) were the spokespersons of the *Parayan*.

On 28/02/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images and also performed concluding ritual of *Tridinatmak Shree Hariyaag*.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami of Muli temple, Ghanshyam Swami of Jamiyatpura, K.P. Swami of Jetalpur, Brahmachari Purnanandji etc. saints had arrived. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*.

(Sadhu Vandanprakashdasji, Limbdi)

### Mahila Satsang Sabha in Dhrangadhra

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, grand *Mahila Satsang Sabha* of ladies devotees was organized on 26/02/2012 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghanchiwad. *Satsang Sabha Shibir* was organized in Brahmin *Bhojanshala* in the pious company of H.H. Shri Gadiwala wherein many ladies devotees participated. Sankhya Yogi Rajkunvarba etc. Mandal from Morbi, Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba etc. Mandal from Surendranagar, Sankhya Yogi Bhartiya, Sankhya Yogi Champaba, Sankhya Yogi Madhuba and

Sankhya Yogi Shitalben from Ahmedabad, Sankhya Yogi Narmadaba etc. Mandal from Jetalpur, Sankhya Yogi Gitaba etc. Mandal from Viramgam, Sankhya Yogi Madhuba from Halvad, Pushpaben from Sara, Sankhya Yogi Marghaben from Haripar had performed *Dhoon-Kirtan and Katha-Varta*. At last H.H. Shri Gadiwala delivered inspirational speech about *Navadha Bhakti* and *Hari-Gita*. Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba, Sankhya Yogi Bhagwatiba and Sankhya Yogi Hiraba had made beautiful arrangements.

(Anil B. Dudhrejiya, Dhrangadhra)

## OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul* and with the inspiration of Swami Nilkathprasadasi and Poojari Shantiprakashdaji of Itaska temple, *Shree Narnarayan Jayanti and Maha Shivratri* were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

From 10/03/2012 to 17/03/2012, *Shrimad Shiksha Patri Bhashya Parayan* was organized in the temple in the pious company of Shree Radhakrishnadev. Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) was the spokesperson of the *Katha*.

The devotee Shri Bharatbhai and Urmilaben Patel rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion in the memory of their mother Santokben Patel. Devotee Shri Rajubhai and Chhayaben Shah rendered the services as the co-host of this occasion.

H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj graced this occasion and granted the benefit of divine *Darshan* of devotee and *Haribhaktas*. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, a planning has been made for construction of new temple of I.S.S.O. in Washington D.C. Chapter.

(Vasant Trivedi)

### H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Weehawken temple

On Sunday 12/02/2012, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced Shree Narnarayandev Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken. In the evening, devotees and *Haribhaktas* celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Shri Saumyakumar and Shri Suvratkumar. On this occasion, throne of Thakorji was decorated with beautiful flowers. First of all Swaminarayan *Mahamantra Dhoon* and Kirtan-Bhakti were performed. Mahant Shastri Madhavprasadasi of temple welcomed H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj with garlands. Devotees of Weehawken, Cherry Hill, Colonia, Parsi Penny, New York and Boston.

Ladies devotees welcomed H.H. Shri Binduraja. At last, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* and said that, all the devotees grab the opportunity of performing Bhakti and should celebrate such occasions in the temple. Then H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj celebrated the birthday alongwith H.H. Shri Bindu Raja by cutting the cake.

(Pravinbhai Shah)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul, Kirtan Bhakti and Katha* were organized in the *Satsang Sabha* organized on the pious day of *Maha Shivratri* in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia. Shri Pinakin Jani had got performed *Shiv Poojan* by the host and co-host devotee families. Importance of Shivji was explained beautifully. At last Mahant Swami of the temple had blessed all the devotees who had rendered their beautiful services in celebration of this *Utsav*. (Pravin Shah)

**Washington D.C.**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Katha-Varta-Dhoon-Kirtan, Aarti and Nitya Niyam* were performed in the *Satsang Sabha* organized in Ilkris Church. From Los Angeles temple, Shstri Dharmkishordasji narrated *Katha* through Cell-phone. Thereafter *Maha Shivratri* was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. At last *Thaal-aarti* were performed. All devotees had availed the benefit of *Mahaprasad*. (Kanubhai Patel)

**Phuldolotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sine Mansion**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj andwith the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji, *Prakatyotsav Phuldolotsav* of Shree Narnarayandev was celebrated withg great fervour and enthusiasm. Beautiful and artistic Shringar Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev was performed. Shastri Swami had explained the importance of Shree Narnarayandev.

The devotee Shri Bhupendrabhai (Audwala) had rendered the services as the host of aarti. Devotee Shri Jayantibhai Babaldas (Mokhasan) had rendered the services as the host of Thaal. Devotee Shri Navinbhai G. Rajpurwala had got prepared the cake and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had cut the cake and had celebrated the mahotsav. Sadguru Shastri AbhishekprasadDasji, devotees Shri Jagdishbhai (Jasalpur) Shri Kartikbhai (Vadu) and ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen. At last devotee Shri Rajubhai had delivered the Vote of Thanks and all the devotees had availed the benefit of *Prasad*.

(Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gatwick (U.K.)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Harinandandasji, beautiful Darshan of Himalaya was performed before the Lord Shiva on the pious day of Monday Maha Vad-14 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gatwick. Brahmins had performed Poojan-kirtan-Bhakti whose benefit was availed by about 50 Haribhaktas. Devotee Shri Arvindbhai Patel rendered the services for the special meals on the pious day.

On this occasion, President Shri Jitubhai Patel, Nalinbhai and Dilipbhai etc. devotees had rendered their services. From 08/02/2012 to 11/02/2012 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed both the sons of the devotee Shri Prakashbhai. *Satsang Sabha* was also organized in Wilsden temple wherein saints of Crauli temple had narrated *katha-Varta*. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the *Sabha* and then graced our Harro temple. (Kalpeshbhai Patel)

**AKSHARVAAS**

**Kaliyana (Tal. Viramgam):** Devotee Pradipbhai Ganeshbhai Butiya (age 21 years) (grandson of devotee Shri Dahyabhai Chhelabhai Butiya) passed away to Akshardham on 17/03/2012 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.  
**Erwada (Tal. Dasada) -** Devotee Shri Kalpeshbhai Dhanabhai Vadhel (Age 19 years) (nephew of devotee Shri Dahyabhai Chhelabhai Butiya) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 17/03/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj. Shreeji Maharaj may grant strength to both the families.

**Biliya (Tal. Siddhpur) -** Devotee Shri Godavarba Bhavsar (age 92 Years) (rendering services of pooja in temple of ladies devotees) passed away to *Akshardham* on 15/03/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Ahmedabad (Dharampur)–** Devotee Shri Rukhiba (age 90 years) (mother of devotee Shri Jivrajbhai Parshottamdas Patel and devotee Shri Kantibhai Parshottamdas) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 16/02/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Ahmedabad- Devotee Shri Devarsh (age 15 years) (son of devotee Shri Pravinbhai patel and grandson of devotee Shri naranbhai Ishwarbhai (Sojawala))** passed away to Akshardham on 02/03/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Dhamasana (at present Mumbai) –** Devotee Shri DAhiben Ishwarbhai Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 05/03/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Ahmedabad–** Devotee Shri Darshan Rasikbhai Somabhai Modi (Mansawala) (age 22 years) passed away to Akshardham on 16/03/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

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