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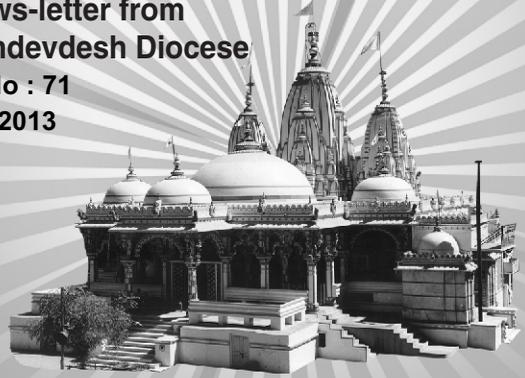
1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granting blessings in the Sabha organized on the invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamfalvadi, Ahmedabad. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granting blessings in the Sabha on the occasion of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vihar and the host family performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (3) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Annakut aarti and granting Darshan in Shobhayatra on the occasion of invocation of the idol images of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghanshyamnagar-Dhanala (Muli Desh). (4) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing inauguration of artistic Entrance Gate of Jasapara village (Muli Desh) alongwith the donor Shri Rameshbhai Patel. (5) The host devotee Shri Harikrishnabhai Gandhi performing poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Surendranagar temple on the occasion of Katha.



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## EDITORIAL

***“We time and again reiterate the importance of Shree Narnaryandev. Shree Krishna Purushottam Shree Narnaryandev of Akshardham always remains present in this Sabha. And therefore, we are getting this temple with dome constructed in Ahmedabad by spending lacs of rupees and have invoked the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev. Shree Narnarayan is the King of this Universe and therefore, anybody who worships any other deity by leaving Shree Narnarayandev is like a woman who stays with other man by leaving her husband. Shree Narnarayan is King of Bharatkhand as it is stated in Shrimad Bhagwat. We have incarnated to ensure emancipation of the saints and the devotees. So if you believe in our words, we would take you to Akshardham where we reside and then you may rest assured with your emancipation. And if you cherish firm faith in us and follow our words and directions scrupulously, we will protect you from all the miseries of life. If you perform Satsang and follow all the directions contained therein very scrupulously then you will get emancipation in life but if you do not perform Satsang then you will get great Misery in life.”***  
***(Vachanamrit Jetalpur-5)***

Therefore, all Haribhaktas should imbibe these words of Shreeji Maharaj in their lives and should scrupulously follow these directions as our emancipation lies in it only. Nothing more is required to be stated.

Editor  
Mahant Swami  
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

## Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 ShriKoshalendraprasadji Maharajshri (February- 2013)

1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Halwad (Ghanshyamnagar) on the occasion of invocation of idol images.
2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kuha on the occasion of Shakotsav.
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahegam on the occasion of Shakotsav.  
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura on the occasion of Shakotsav Umia Campus, Sola.
7. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ramol Jamfalwadi on the occasion of invocation of idol images. Graced Nairobi in the evening.
- 8 to 12 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nairobi on the occasion of Bhoomi Poojan.
13. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Umarada (Muli Desh) on the occasion of invocation of idol images.
15. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of Vasant Panchmi Patotsav and Samaiya.
16. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad on the occasion of Patotsav.
17. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gavada on the occasion of Katha.
18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Torda on the occasion of patotsav and 225<sup>th</sup> Janm-jayanti of Sadguru Gopalanand Swami.
19. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Borna (Muli Desh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
20. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura, on the occasion of Patotsav.
21. Graced village Singali on the occasion of Katha.
22. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Madhavgadh (Prantij) on the occasion of Patotsav.
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Patdi on the occasion of Patotsav.
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhimpura on the occasion of Shakotsav.
26. Graced village Halwad for inauguration of Mineral Water Factory.
27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana on the occasion of Patotsav.
28. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi on the occasion of Patotsav.

## APPOINTMENT DIARY OF OUR FUTURE ACHARYA 108 SHRI VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ

3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jivarajpark, on the occasion of Patotsav.
9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Varsoda.
15. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of Samaiya of Vasant Panchmi.
16. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gavada.
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhimpura on the occasion of Shakotsav.

# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri  
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

### Text-84

**My disciples shall reverently worship  
the five deities Vishnu, Shiva,  
Ganapati, Parvati and Surya.**

**Vishnuha Shivo Ganapatiha Parvati  
Cha Divakaraha |**

**Etaha Pujyatya Manya Devtaha Pancha  
Mamakauha ||84||**

Worship of the five deities is here glorified. Ganapati Khanda of Brahmanvaivartak explains, 'Ganapati is considered as an Avatar of Shree Krishna and is the first of all Devas to be worshipped.', therefore is worthy of high honour and worship.

Parvati is considered as the 'half-body' or Ardhang of Shankar and is worshipped as the 'Eternal Power'- Adi Shakti and is therefore honoured here. Shree Shankar is worshipped as he is considered as one with Shree Vishnu and is also famed as Vaishnavaraja (king amongst Vaishnavas) and as the promoter of Vaishnav Dharma. For such reason he has been honoured with great respect. Surya-Narayana is the saviour of all twice-born beings (Dwijas - upper three castes). He is the principal of the Gayatri Mantra and is Bhagwatswarupa (form of God), Veda Swarupa (form of the Vedas) and is the main cause of Dharma. For such reasons, he is worshipped with high honour. In this way, all five deities are respected equally. Out of these five, one deity should be considered as one's Ishtadv or personal God.

Narad Pancharathra explains, 'All Grihastas (householders) with devotion,

should worship the panchayatan (five deities). Vaishnavas should place Vishnu in the centre (of the Altar) and thus consider him as the greater. If Vishnu is in the centre, then Shankar, Ganapati, Surya and Parvati should be placed around Vishnu in that order starting from the Northeast and working your way round clockwise. If Shiva is in the centre, then Vishnu should be placed in the Northeast (Ushaan), Surya in the Southeast (Agni), Ganapati in the Southwest (Nairutya) and Devi in the Northwest (Vayavya). Similarly if Surya is placed in the centre, then Shiva, Ganapati, Vishnu and Devi are placed in similar order. If Devi is placed in the centre, then Vishnu, Shiva, Ganapati and Surya are placed accordingly. If Ganapati is in the centre, then Vishnu, Shiva, Surya and Devi are placed accordingly. Placing the deities in this way will derive great happiness and bliss. However, if the deities are placed incorrectly then great tyranny can befall.'

It is said that the Gopis, Vasudev and Rukmini looked upon Shree Krishna in different ways (as a lover, son and husband)- however, in the end, all attained Shree Krishna the embodiment of Vishnu,. Therefore it is not incorrect or unworthy for people to worship a deity other than Vishnu for all will be doing so attain Mahavishnu- the Supreme Being.

Ishtadev worship is the greatness of Hinduism, which allows a person to dedicate himself or herself to any one deity, but in the end all attain the same ultimate goal,. In this way, only one Ishtadeva should be ultimately worshipped but all other Devas are worthy of respect, praise and worship. Under no circumstances should any deity be slandered, as to do so would inadvertently be to slander your own Ishtadeva.

Lord Swaminarayan has therefore commanded that the Vratas of other deities such as Shiva, should be observed. All should sing the glories of other deities as appropriate; this is the greatness of our

Lord who instilled equality and respect for all gods in our Sampradai.

### Text-85

**In the event of afflictions caused by any evil spirits, they shall chant the Stotram of 'Narayan Kavacham' or 'Hanumaan Stotram', but shall never chant the Mantras of any other deity.**

***Bhutadhupadrave Kvapi Varma  
Narayanatmakam |***

***Japya Cha Hanumamantro Japyo Na  
Kshudradaivataha ||85||***

Sometimes for reasons of impurity, sin etc. one can become subject to afflictions caused by Ghosts (Bhuta) and other paranormal phenomena such as evil spirits (Preta, Pisacha, Shaakini, Brahman Rakshasa etc.). In such circumstances one should chant the Narayan Kavacha, as stated in the Sixth Skanda of Shrimad Bhagwat.

One should wash their hands and feet, perform Achmana for purification, sit facing North, perform Nyaasa using their fingers and body as they chant Mantras (this invokes and the Gods to protect various parts of the body) observe Moun (silence) and then they should chant the Narayan Kavacha – the 'Armour of Narayan'.

Alternatively one may chant various famed Mantras of Vira Shree Hanumaan. One should never invoke any other God apart from Shree Krishna or his Bhaktas as to do so leads to a sin of Anyashraya. Invoking hanumaan does not lead to this sin as in the Ramayana, Raghunaath explains, "Whomsoever calls for my dearest Hanumaan for shelter has called for me."

Bhagwat's Sixth Skanda tells the story of Indra's insult to the Deva's Guru, Brihaspati and Indra's subsequent defeat. At the advice of Brahma, he approaches Vishvarupa to take the place of Brihaspati on his departure. It was Vishvarupa who imparted the Narayan Kavacha (the

armour of psychic potency relating to Narayan). Protected by it, Indra was able to easily overcome the armies of Asuras. The narayan Kavacha in Sk 6, Ad 8, 12-34, invokes all the 24 incarnations of God and asks each to protect them from various undesirable influences and facts. It invokes Lord Hari, using his many names to protect them throughout the day. It invokes the various weapons of God to protect you by destroying evil.

Similarly Hanumaan's greatness is equally renowned in the Ramayan. His devotion to Rama was clearly glorified. Hanumaan is a Deva of astonishing attributes. His strength, knowledge, skills and total mastery of all arts makes him worthy of being invoked.

Rama, at the end of the Lanka episode, pleased with his dedication to him offered Hanumman a boon. Hanumaan asked not for any material happiness, but asked that he stay upon th Earth as long as people sing the Great story of Shree Rama, so that he may be fulfilled by listening to the stories of Rama and also that if any pains befall any devotees of the Lod then he should be capable of destroying such pains.

Thus Hanumaan became immortal and indeed, no Vaishnav temple is considered a temple without the Idol of Shree Rama's favourite devotee, Shree Hanumaan. Hanumanji was the Kul Deva or family deity of the Dharma Kul. He has on numerous occasions, coe to the savour of Dharma nd Bhakti, by freeing them from thetyranny of EvilSpirits. This was as per the instruction of Dharma Deva's father, who commanded that Hanumaan should be beckoned in such situations.

In this way, we too can afford protection by chanting and invoking the Narayan Kavacha or Hanumaan Stotra. Even today, many find solitude and peace of mind by chanting the great 'Hanumaan Chalisa' of the seventeenth century saint-poet Goswami Tulsidas.

## BHAGWAN EMBRACED THE PILLAR

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

With the directions of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, first Shree Swaminarayan temple of the world was being constructed at Ahmedabad under the guidance of Sadguru Anandanand Swami. Shree Hari himself had been placing the stones of Prasadi with five hundred Parmahamsas. Haribhktas were bringing stones from the stone mines of Zalavad and Sabarkantha. All the devotees were rendering their services according to their convenience.

One such ardent devotee Jivabhai Virugama Patel of Nana Ankevalia was bringing his cart loaded with stones from Dhrangadhra. When he was bringing the stones to Ahmedabad it was very hot and they were passing by sim of Virangam near Kankaravadi. One of the bullocks broke its leg rendering him incapable of moving ahead. So Jiva Bhagat of Nana Ankevalia started carrying the load of the cart alongwith the other bullock as it was the urgent and dire need of the stones at Ahmedabad and for want of stones the construction work had stopped. Jiva Bhagat was carrying the load with his shoulders and was chanting the name of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. With hard work and great enthusiasm, Jiva Bhagat brought the stone to the temple. Sadguru Anandanand Swami went to receive and perform darshan of the ardent devotee Jiva Bhagat.

When the cart reached at the site of the temple, the great devotee Jiva Bhagat uttered the words that, this cart was brought by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and that he himself had nothing. Anandanand Swami got the stone carved carefully into a beautiful pillar and placed it before the idol images of Shree Radhakrishnadev in North-East corner

of the inner temple.

Shreeji Maharaj embraced the pillar made from the stone brought by the great devotee Jiva Bhagat and remembered the great services rendered by the devotees and uttered the words, "Whosoever devotee shall perform divine Darshan of this pillar, shall get the result equivalent of performing divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev. Whosoever will touch this pillar, shall get all his sins burnt." in this importance of this pillar of Prasadi has been narrated by Shree Hari time and again.



Thereafter whenever Shreeji Maharaj used to grace our Ahmedabad temple to perform divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev, would touch and perform Darshan of this pillar and many saints used to perform Dandwat Pranam. Our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj used to perform divine Darshan of this pillar everyday. All the stones of our Ahmedabad temple have been touched and sanctified by Shree Hari and Nand saints and therefore these stones of Prasadi are more valuable than even jewellery and gold. The cart of Prasadi is kept for divine

Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Many such interesting real stories are hidden behind each and every thing of Prasadi which are kept for divine Darshan in our Museum.

This incident is heard by us from the devotee Mavji Chhagan Devji Dahya Bhavan – the heir of the great devotee Jiva Bhagat of Nana Ankevalia, which is narrated on the basis of the notes written in an old book preserved by their forefathers and this is a fact.

**AS HE IS**

- Atul B. Pothiwala  
(Memnagar-Ahmedabad)

“These are our words, this is our Form.”

The way in which Bhagwan has introduced His own Form in the Shiksha Patri is really wonderful. The three words are interlinked very beautifully by which one can understand Him very easily.

“અને એ સર્વે સચ્ચાસ્રને વિષે જે વચન તે જે તે શ્રીકૃષ્ણ ભગવાનનું સ્વરૂપ તથા ધર્મ તથા ભક્તિ તથા વૈરાગ્ય એ ચારના અતિ ઉત્કર્ષપણાને કહેતા હોય છે.”

**Shloka-101 of Shiksha Patri**

“અને એ શ્રીકૃષ્ણ ભગવાનની ભક્તિ તે જે તે ધર્મ સહિત જ કરવી, એવી રીતે તે સર્વે સચ્ચાસ્રનું રહસ્ય છે.”

**Shloka-102 of Shiksha Patri**

“અને જે ઈશ્વર છે, તે જે તે, જેમ હૃદયને વિષે જીવ રહ્યો છે તેમ જીવને વિષે અંતર્યામી પણે કરીને રહ્યા છે ને સ્વતંત્ર છે, ને સર્વ જીવને કર્મફળના આપનારા છે, એમ ઈશ્વરને જાણવા.” **Shloka-108 of Shiksha Patri**

“અને સમર્થ એવા જે શ્રીકૃષ્ણ તે જે તે રાધિકાજીએ યુક્ત હોય ત્યારે ‘રાધાકૃષ્ણ’ એવે નામે જાણવા અને રુકમણી રૂપ જે લક્ષ્મી તેમણે યુક્ત હોય ત્યારે લક્ષ્મીનારાયણ એવે નામે જાણવા અને એ શ્રીકૃષ્ણ તે જે તે અર્જુને યુક્ત હોય ત્યારે નરનારાયણ એવે નામે જાણવા અને વળી તે શ્રીકૃષ્ણ જે તે બલભદ્રાદિકને યોગે કરીને તે તે નામે કહેવાય છે એમ જાણવું. **Shloka-109,110 of Shiksha Patri**

Shree Krishna Purushottam Narayan is Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and He is our Istdev.

“અને અક્ષરાતીત જે પુરુષોત્તમ ભગવાન છે તે જ સર્વે અવતારનું કારણ છે. અને સર્વે અવતાર

પુરુષોત્તમમાંથી પ્રગટ થાય છે. અને પાછા પુરુષોત્તમને વિષે લીન થાય છે.” **Gadhda Middle-13**

“અને તે જે તે ભગવાનનો દૃઢ આશ્રય છે એવો નિર્વિઘ્ન માર્ગ કોઈ નથી.” **Gadhda Middle-13**

“અને જે તેજને વિષે મૂર્તિ છે તે જ આ પ્રત્યક્ષ મહારાજ છે એમ જાણજો.” **Gadhda Middle-13**

“અને એ વાત (તે જે તે શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાન તે જ આપણા ઈષ્ટદેવ અને સર્વ અવતારના કારણ) જેને સમજાણી હોય તેનો તો અતિ મોટો આશ્રય હોય. જુઓને અમારે પરમહંસ તથા સત્સંગી સમસ્ત પાસેથી કોઈ સ્વાર્થ સાધવો નથી તો પણ કોઈને બોલાવીએ છીએ, કોઈને વઢીએ છીએ, કોઈને કાઢી મુકીએ છીએ તેનું તો એ જ પ્રયોજન છે જે કોઈ રીતે આ વાત સમજાય તો બહુ સારું થાય અને આ વાર્તા છે તે સર્વે દૃઢ કરીને રાખજ્યો. અને જે જે ભગવાનની વાત કરો તે તે વાતને વિષે આ વાતનું બીજ લાવજ્યો એમ અમારી આજ્ઞા છે. અને આ વાર્તા તો એવી જીવનદાર છે જે દેહ રહે ત્યાં સુધી નિત્ય પ્રત્યે કરવી અને દેહ મૂકીને ભાગવતીતનુએ કરીને પણ આ જ વાર્તા કરવી છે.” **Gadhda Middle-13**

In these three words, there is divine touch of Paravaani of Shree Hari which includes both the meanings. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is our Istdev and shelter to Shree Sahjanandi Maharaj is real shelter and the easiest way towards emancipation.

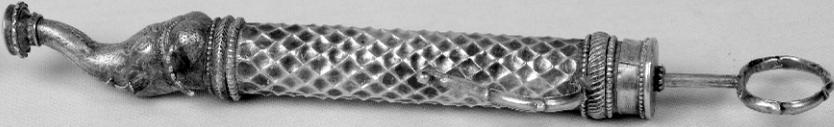
So let us pray to our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan that, **“Oh Maharaj! May we always understand the real meaning and importance of Your Supremacy and Omnipotence and May we always cherish ardent faith of Your this Omnipotent Form – till this body remains and even thereafter.”**

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# Shree Swaminarayan Museum

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स्वामिनारायण  
स्युत्रियम



Shree Hari had performed *Utsav* of *Fuldolotsav* in Ahmedabad with saints and Haribhaktas on the pious day of Fagan Vad-1 Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti and had played with colours with this sprinkler. Since then, every year, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj of our Sampradaya has been performing Rangotsav and has been preserving this noble and pious tradition. Another such grand Ranotsav is also performed in Muli on the pious day of *Vasant Panchmi*. These sprinklers are kept for divine Darshan in Hall No.4 and Hall No.7 of our Museum. The stage and the clothes which were used by Shree Hari while performing Rangotsav, are kept in Hall No.7 for divine Darshan of the devotees.

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## List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna January-2013

Rs.10,00,000/-	Nirma Foundation Trust, Ahmedabad.		occasion of birthday of Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar. (sons of Shri Binduraja)
Rs.10,00,000/-	Nima Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad.		
Rs.1,00,000/-	Jitubhai Bhujangilal Mehta, Vadodara.	Rs.11,000/-	Vinodbhai-Nilaben patel, Dharmaj.
Rs.1,00,000/-	Akshar Nivasi Laljibhai Lavjibhai Patel- Ahmedabad Akshar Nivasi Amrutben Laljibhai Patel, Akshar Nisai Hasmukhbhai Laljibhai Patel through Jayantibhai, Jayprakashbhai and Aswinbhai for pillar of Prasadi	Rs.7,100/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gavada.
Rs.51,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Torda.	Rs.5,555/55	Kacha Tailors through Kapilbhai-Leicester.
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Rs.25,000/-	Chandubhai Trikamdass patel- Karjisan through Dipakbhai, Hiteshbhai (at present U.S.A)	Rs.5,000/-	Bhavikkumar Bhagabhai Patel, Manekpur.
Rs.11,000/-	H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on the	Rs.5,000/-	Nitaben, Kinjalben, Savitaben, Kalol.
		Rs.5,000/-	Minaben K. Joshi- Ghanshyam Engineering, Ahmedabad.
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## List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum January-2013

01/01/2013	Babulal Trikamlal Thakkar, Viramgam	14/02/2013	Gandhinagar. Shreeji Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Ghanchiwad, Dhrangadhra, through Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba, Hiraba, Bhaguba.
07/02/2013	Ketanbhai Sharma-U.S.A.		
09/02/2013	Patel Pranjivanbhai Kanjibhai, Devpura, through Paresh, Vishal and Nil, (at present Australia).	16/02/2013	Shri Naranbhai Amathidas Patel family-Vaduwalla.
10/01/2013	Rajubhai Kantibhai Patel.	23/02/2013	Shri Jemiben Jayeshbhai Patel-Sydney.
10/02/2013	Shri Kiranbhai V. Gandhi, Gandhinagar, with the inspiration of Swami Haripriyadasji,		

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# Wave of Pleasure

## WHY IS THAKRANI BARE FOOTED?

- Shastri Harijivan Swami (Mahant, Himatnagar temple)

The face of Shreeji Maharaj sitting in Sanga Machi in Gadhpur is today not so happy. Generally divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj grants happiness to everybody but today the shade of unhappiness on the face is not without any reason.

How desolate? Maharaj would not talk with anybody, nor would utter any words. All were sitting dumb with strange silence beyond anybody's comprehension. In the evening when it was the time of Thaal, Mukund Brahmchari came to call Maharaj and said, "Maharaj, please accept the meals lest the meals would become cold." but Maharaj was not listening to anybody. Muktanand Swami also tried to persuade

Maharaj to take the meals and prayed ardently but in vain. Maharaj did not even look at Muktanand Swami. Premanand Swami also tried his hand and played pranks and danced and thereby tried to persuade Maharaj, but these tricks did not work. Devotees thronged together but there are no words from Maharaj.

Now Brahmanand Swami came forward and garbed himself in the dress of a woman. All other saints and devotees did not know this. So the moment they saw a lady devotee coming towards the Sabha of Maharaj they all stood up and started talking with each other. They apprehended lest such a venture of this lady would break their fast.

Maharaj could not tolerate this and asked the lady devotee, "Where Thakarani is going? And why is Thakarani bare footed? Brahmanand Swami in the garb of lady devotee and covering the face replied, "Going to the field where Thakor has been working." and Maharaj laughed. With the words of Maharaj with smiling face, there was happiness in the whole Sabha. And Mukund Brahmchari came to call Maharaj and Maharaj went with him for the meals.

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## BHAGWAN THE PROTECTOR OF BHAKTA

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Just as a mother takes care of her child, our Bhagwan also takes care of us. In fact Bhagwan is worried about all our worldly affairs and helps us whenever it is required, just as our mother prepares the meals and offers us the meals everyday and at right time. Here is one such incident wherein Bhagwan Shree Hari takes care of the ardent devotee.

This is an incident of village Kholdiyad of Saurashtra. In the Darbar of Dada Khachar all the saints and devotees are sitting surrounding Maharaj. Meanwhile Ruda Bhagat came in the Sabha from his village Kholiyad brining a bag. Maharaj asked, "What is there in this bag?" Ruda Bhagat said, "Maharaj, it is the bag of Bajri and I have brought it for You for rendering my ardent services to You and to the saints because I could grow Bajri due to your blessings only."

Maharaj asked, "What did I do?" Ruda Bhagat replied, "Maharaj! You are omniscient and omnipotent. Yet I narrate the incident for the information of all the devotees and Haribhaktas."

Some years ago there was drought in the whole Saurashtra region including our village Kholiyad. At that time you had graced our village and my house, too. It was severe draught at that time and there was hunger and theft everywhere for obtaining money by hooks or crooks. It was the struggle for survival for everybody. The farms and fields were dry and there was not a single drop of water anywhere in the whole region. The lakes and wells had dried up and in the Summer it was scorching heat. At that time Maharaj asked Ruda Bhagat, "Ruda Bhagat, purchase some seeds." Ruda Bhagat replied, "Maharaj, I have no money to purchase the seeds." Maharaj said, "Then sell off your ornaments, if you have, and purchase the seeds and work in the field." to this Ruda Bhagat replied, "I do not have any ornaments and nobody can lend me money



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**SATSANG BALVATIKA**

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji  
(Gandhinagar)

for the purpose." Maharaj asked Ruda Bhagat, "How much grains are consumed by you?" Ruda Bhagat replied, "Maharaj it comes to about five Kalshi grains in a year." then Maharaj said, "Go to the field of Sura Bhakta at village Nagadaka and work in his field." to this Ruda Bhagat replied, "I am Nadoda Rajput by caste and I do not know how to work in the field." then Maharaj asked, "Whether you have taken any crop in your field?" Ruda Bhagat replied, "Yes Maharaj. Crop of Bajri is attempted this year. But due to lack of water, the whole crop of Bajri is going to be burnt dry in the scorching heat of the Summer season." After taking rest for some time, Maharaj went to other village alongwith the saints.

Ruda Bhagat slept in his house. In the morning, the villagers thronged at his house and informed him that, there were good crops in his field and there was rain only in his field. Immediately Ruda Bhagat rushed to his field and to his surprise he saw water everywhere in his field. He immediately locked his house and built a hut in the farm and stayed there until the crops were ready. The partner of Ruda Bhagat of Darbar caste came to Ruda Bhagat and demanded his share from the standing crops. The villagers came to know about this and they all got

together and told him that, this was due to ardent Bhakti of Ruda Bhakti that Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan had blessed him with the good crops in his field and therefore now Darbar cannot claim any right about his share. But Ruda Bhagat was just and benevolent. He offered the Darbar his share and prepared one bag to offer it to Maharaj and brought it to Gadhada for Maharaj and the saints.

He came to the Darbar of Maharaj in Gadhpur and offered the bag of grains to Maharaj. Maharaj took some grains and the rest of the grains were offered to all the saints and the devotees as Prasad.

Dear devotees! Even today Bhagwan is always worried and concerned about the welfare and happiness of the devotees provided the devotees perform ardent Bhakti and remain devout in their life because Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is always present in Satsang.

#### OFFERED BY BHAGWAN

##### - Sadhu Shriragadas (Gandhinagar)

There is one Katha in the great epic Mahabharat. Kauravas got together and conspired to kill Bhima. Accordingly, they gave him poison in the food and tied his hands and legs and dropped him into the deep waters of the river. Bhim reached in Patal-Lok. Here in Hastinapur, it was declared that, Bhima has died and announcement was made for performance of the after-death rituals.

During such rituals, Duryodharan feigned to be the unhappiest person due to sudden death of Bhima, but Bhagwan Shree Krishna knew everything and hence did not utter any words.

After one year, Bhima came from Patalok with long beard and hair due to which nobody could recognize him. It was the time of performing social ritual on completion of one year of death of Bhima and so all the Brahmins were invited for the meals on this social occasion. One of such invited Brahmins so Bhima and believed him to be one of such Brahmins and asked him to accompany him. In the palace of Hastinapur,

all the Brahmins were being offered the meals; so Bhima also took his seat alongwith that Brahmin and started taking meals. To the surprise of all, all the meals were being devoured by Bhima and the utensils of the kitchen which were full initially had now become empty.

The message went inside the palace to the rest of the Pandavas and Kauravas and Kuntimata that, one Brahmin had finished all the meals which were prepared for all the Brahmins. Hearing this, Kuntamata doubted that this person could be nobody else but Bhima only. In order to ascertain the fact, Kuntama went inside the kitchen prepared some sweet balls and asked Yudhisthira to offer the sweets balls to that Brahmins. When Bhima completed two sweet balls out of five offered by Yudhisthira, he found his hunger satiated as he was habitual of finishing his meals from his mother Kuntamata.

Dear devotees, ponder carefully about this incident. Touch of loving hand of the mother is capable of satisfying the hunger of Bhima. Similarly loving hand of Bhagwan also brings satisfaction in our life. So Paramatma while granting money also grants satisfaction to the people but only to those who believe that he is blessed by Bhagwan. This is real satisfaction in life.

There are people who keep on earning lacs of rupees per month yet there is no satisfaction in their life and therefore they keep on roaming here and there to earn more and more money as if he intends to purchase everything upon this earth. So if there is no satisfaction in life, then one must understand that, it is not granted by Bhagwan. A person who is granted blessings and money by Bhagwan is always satisfied with whatever he is having in his life.

So whatever may be our occupation, service or business and whatever money or profit we may earn or get from it, we should offer some portion out of it to Bhagwan as per the directions contained in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and the rest we can use for our worldly affairs. Then there would be happiness and satisfaction in our life.



**31st Patotsav of  
Shree Swaminarayan temple,  
Gavada**



**Invocation of idol image of  
Shree Naranaryandev**



**Cleanliness Campaign in the village**

**Pancham Patotsav of  
Shree Swaminarayan temple,  
Bhimpura**





Chokhdu of Chaudhary Samaj







Durvasa Rishi (son of Atri) came there but nobody noticed him. Known for his short temper and angry nature, Durvasa Muni felt himself dishonoured and cursed all of them that they would take human birth upon the earth and would be harassed by the demons.

Dharmdev and Bhaktimata begged pardon of angry Durvasa Muni on behalf of all and requested to do some remedy. Acceding to the request, Durvasa Muni told them that, Shree Narnarayandev would take birth as son of Dharmdev and Bhaktimata and He would protect all of you from the demons. Accordingly, Shree Narnarayandev asked all Rishis and Munis to take human birth and asked Uddhavji to go to earth and also told that the Dharma which would be established upon the Earth would be recognized in his name only.

Dear devotees, how many efforts were required to be made by Uddhavji and great Rishis and Munis to please Shree Narnarayandev. But we have got our Shree Narnarayandev very easily and without any efforts. This is so because our Shree Narnarayandev is very benevolent. Shree Narnarayandev has been performing Tapa for all of us. Being the King of Bharatkhand it is not required for him to perform any Tapa. But just as parents work hard and perform their duties ardently for their children out of love and affection and whatever they earn, they spend everything for their children only. Similarly our Shree Narnarayandev has also been performing Tapa in Badrikashram and has been yielding its good fruits to all of us. So let us become ardent devotees of Shree Narnarayandev and remain under strict directions then we would certainly get emancipation in our life.

### IMPORTANCE OF CHANTING THE NAME OF PARAMATMA

#### - Sankhya Yogi Kundanba [Guru Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba(Meda)]

Oh devotees! By chanting the name of Parmatma, all our sins get burnt. In sixth Vachanamrit of Loya Chapter, Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, we should perform Bhajan of name of 'Shree Swaminarayan' ardently; this would help us get rid of all the miseries of our life. Sadguru Shatanand Swami has stated in 46<sup>th</sup> Adhyay of 'Satsangjivan' that while attempting to absolve of any sins we should chant the name of Bhagwan simultaneously

otherwise we would not get its fruits completely. Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami has stated in 'Haribal Gita':

“पुरुषोत्तम प्रगतनुं नाम निर्भय निशाश्रु,

जे जन जन्मे उच्यते, ते पामे पद निवाश्रु.

त्रिलोकमां तपासतां, नावे नारायण नाम तुल्य,

पतितने पावन करवा, अे छे निधि अमूल्य.

द्विदशकशिपु श्रवणे सांभष्यो, नारायण नामनो नाद,

Chanting the name of Bhagwan is equivalent of performing Darshan of Bhagwan. There is one incident of Ajamil Brahmin in 'Bhagwat'. Ajamil was a very cruel and crooked person. But he chanted the name of Bhagwan ardently and all his sins were burnt and he got freedom from Yamaduta. This is the importance of chanting the name of Bhagwan ardently. Even the great robbers like Valiya got emancipation in his life, who started chanting the name of Bhagwan as advised by great Muni Naradji and got himself transformed from Valiya Robber into great Rishi Valmiki. The person who did not know what is going to happen in his life after three days became a Trikalgyani (a person who is capable to know about Bhut, Bhavishya and Vartaman).

Similarly Rama Bhangi of Kashi got attracted towards the princess Rama of the King of Kashi but while performing Tapa chanting the name of Bhagwan Shree Rama on the bank of river Ganga, his attraction shifted from the princess Rama towards Bhagwan Shree Rama and later on he became the great saint Tulsidas. Tulsidasji has stated at one place:

तुलसी ताते श्यपय भला, ज्ञ मुषर्मे हरिका नाम.

सुषु के शीर सील पडो, ज्ञे नाम हृदय से ज्ञय,

बलिहारी वो दुःभकी, पल पल नाम ज्ञाय.

Prayaschit which is performed by chanting the name of Shree Hari is capable of destroying all sins. A lamp removes all darkness of the room; similarly lamp in the form of chanting the name of Bhagwan removes all the darkness prevailing around the soul; now what is required to maintain the light of the lamp through constant chanting of name of Shree Hari otherwise there would be darkness again. Many devotees have got themselves saved from the worries of life by chanting the name of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan.

So dear devotees! By chanting the name of Bhagwan our soul is purified and we get rid of all sins of this life and also those of previous births

and lives. May pray at the lotus like feet of our guru H.H. Shri Gadiwala that, mercy and benevolence of Shree Hari may continue to be granted to us.

### Peace wherever there is Unity

#### - Sankhya Yogi Kolilaba (Surendranagar)

ગુજરાતીમાં “સંપ ત્યાં જંપ” ‘**Samp Tyna Jamp**’

(Peach wherever there is Unity) is the famous saying in Gujarati language. For eternal peace in human life, it is absolutely necessary to imbibe these golden words in our life. In Satyug, there was great unity in the families due to sense of duty and devotion and sheer love and affection towards all other members of the family. Now this peace was of all type namely physical, mental, economic, worldly, spiritual etc. today's human life is the world organized in the family system. Due to development of Science and Information and Technology, the countries of the world have come closer to one another and the whole world has become just like one family.

In this Kaliyug, to attain and maintain mental peace in human life has become against the onslaught and cultural attack of mobile, Television, Video, Internet and Computer in day to day life. In search of peace, a man roams around here and there and gets himself prone and addicted to all types of bad habits and addictions which ultimately leads a man towards chronic diseases like diabetes, blood cancer, cancer etc. and his temperament becomes irritative, proud, short tempered and quarrelsome. Under such circumstances, he either kills others and finds himself in the jail for life-time imprisonment or he commits suicide due to desolation and hopelessness. The only solution or remedy to all these problems of modern human life is Unity. Today we find that, two real brothers are found quarrelling with each other for money and properties of their parents. They divide the families through their divisive mentality.

Only in those families, where there are Samskaras of Satsang there is Unity. Where there is unity in the family there would be Sattvik meals and where there would be quarrel in the family there would be Rajasik and Tamasik meals. In this Kaliyug, nobody is ready to make compromise with anything. The parents cannot rebuke their children, how rudely or improperly they behave and act. Hearing the harsh words

from their children, the parents keep mum and watch everything with great pain in their hearts. But this would not be there in the families where there are Samskaras of Satsang. Satsang brings with it noble qualities like Sadachar (noble conduct), Niti (ethics), Sanyam (self-discipline), Daya (mercy), Tyag (voluntary renunciation), Prem (love), Lagani (affection), Nirmanipanu (humility), Ni:swarthipanu (selflessness). However, these noble qualities would be there until there are unity and peace in the family. So what is required is to inculcate proper understanding among the family members for developing such noble qualities in the life of each of them and to perform Satsang so that there are happiness and peace in the family and in the society and in the life of every human being of this earth.

Even in the great epic ‘*Ramayan*’ Tulsidasji has stated:

“જહાં સુસંપ તહા સંપતિ નાના

જહાં કુસંપ તહા વિપતિ નિદાના”

So wherever there would be peace, there would be all type of wealth and happiness. So one should be alert enough to abstain himself from quarrel which disturbs the peace of life. So every devotee should behave as per the Model Code of Conduct prescribed by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in the pious ‘*Shiksha Patri*’. So let us pray at the lotus like feet of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan that we may achieve peace and happiness through Unity in our life.

### OUR FUTURE FESTIVALS

Fagan Sud-15 Wednesday 27/03/2013

Shree Naranaryandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj at 12.00 hours in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Fagan Vad-08 Wednesday 03/04/2013

Patotsav of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj, Jetalpurham.

Chaitra Sud-5 Monday 15/04/2013

Patotsav of Shree Ghanshya Maharaj Anjar (Kachchh).

Chaitra Sud-9 Saturday 20/04/2013

Prakatyotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, Ramnavmi, Samaiyo of Ahmedabad temple, Patotsav of Aksharbhuvan Shree Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj,

**Celebration of Mahamahotsav of invocation of idol images in new temple of Jamfalwadi (Ramol)**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and with the co-operation of all devotees of Jamfalwadi area, Mahamahotsav of our new Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamfalwadi, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 03/02/2013 to 07/02/2013.

On this occasion, Shrimad Bhagwan Panchanh Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koeshwar Gurukul). Besides this, Pothiyatra, Shree Krishna Janmotsav, Pratistha Yagna, Akhand Dhoon, Rukshamani Vivah, Freedom from Addiction Campaign, Nagaryatra, Annakut Darshan, Shobha Yatra etc. programmes were also organized and celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the concluding ritual of Kath and had blessed all the devotees and had granted divine Darshan. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and had blessed all the ladies devotees. On this occasion, saints from various places had also arrived. On this occasion Sadgru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Mahant of Kalupur temple), Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji of Approach temple, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Swami Nilkanthcharandsji, Shastri Swami Anandpriyadasji (Mahadevnagar), Swami Harikrishnadasji (approach), Swami Kunjviharidasji, Swami Dharmswaroopdasji, Swami Divyaprakashdasji and Madhav Swami had arrived. Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji had conducted the Sabha. Devotees of the nearby area had availed the benefit of this grant Mahotsav. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was inspirational during the Mahotsav. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

**Parayan in Varsoda on the occasion of Patotsav**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration

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of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) Shrimad Satsangijivan Parayan was performed in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj from 05/02/2013 to 09/02/2013 on the occasion of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Varsoda. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) was the spokesperson of this Parayan.

With the co-operation of all the devotees and Haribhaktas, Parayan as well as Shakotsav were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On the last day H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the temple and performed *Annakut* Aarti and celebrated Shakotsav. During the Parayan many saints from various places had arrived. On this occasion Sadgru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Mahant of Kalupur temple), Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji of Approach temple, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, Madhav Swami, Divyaprakash Swami had arrived. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Services of Darbar Haribhaktas was very inspirational on this occasion. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteshwar Gurukul)

**Celebration of 31<sup>st</sup> Patotsv of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gavada**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), 31<sup>st</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple,

Gavada and invocation of the idol images of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj and Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 13/02/2013 to 17/02/2013.

During this Mahotsav, Shrimad Satsangijvan Parayan, Janmotsav of Shree Ghanhyam Maharaj, Satsang Sabha in 31 villages, 31 hour Akhand Dhoon, Hariyag with 31 host devotees, Campaign of freedom from addiction, Medical Camp, Blood Donation Camp, Exhibition, Annakut, writing of more than 31 lacs Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra, Nagar Yatra, Abhishek, Shobhayatra, cultural programme at night, campaign of cleanliness of the village etc. programmes were also organized. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) was the spokesperson of the Parayan. Simultaneously, series of lectures was also organized on this occasion.

On the first day, saints performed Deep-pragatya and inaugurated the Exhibition. Thereafter, the host devotees performed pujaan of Pothi and Samhita-pathi Poothi. While initiating the Katha, Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Mahant of Kalupur) and Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji blessed all the devotees in their inspirational speeches. On the third day, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the Sabha in the morning session and blessed all the devotees and celebrated grand Shakotsav simultaneously. Thereafter, on 4<sup>th</sup> day, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees.

In the sabha of the ladies devotees organized on this occasion, H.H. Shri Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. In the evening session of Katha, Pratistha Utsav of Shree Narnarayandev was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm and Nagaryatra of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj and Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj was also organized. On the last day, Shobhayatra of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was organized. Thereafter, ritual of invocation of the idol images of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj and Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj was also performed. In the Sabha organized thereafter, the host devotees were offered the idol images of Prasadi as gift by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees.

Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Valjibhai

Balchanddas Kothari family through devotee Shri Purushottambhai, Amrutbhai, Akshar Nivasi Gopalbhai Jayantibhai, Ramshbhai had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav and Mahamahotsav. Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Bhaidas Parsottamdas (Mahalaxmi family) through Dahyabhai, Kantibhai, Ambalalbhai and Govindbhai family had rendered the services as the host of Katha. Moreover, many devotees of the villages had also rendered their valuable services on this divine occasion.

Saints from Ahmedabad, Muli, Junagadh, Vadtal had arrived on this occasion. On this occasion Swami Vrajbhusandasji, Divyaprakash Swami, Madhav Swami, Muni Swami, Rushi Swami, Dharmswaroop Swami, Nilkanth Swami, Balu Swami had made all other arrangements. Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji had conducted the Sabha. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteshwar Gurukul)

#### **Celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Bhimpura (Mansa)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), 5<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Ram-Shyam-Ghanshyam Maharaj of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhimpura (Mansa) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 20/02/2013 to 24/02/2013.

On this occasion, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan, Shree Krishna Janmotsav, Satsang Sabha in more than 5 villages, Samhita Path, ritual of establishing Kalash, 5 hour Akhand Dhoon, Campaign of freedom from addiction, Medical Camp, Blood Donation Camp, writing of 5 lac Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra, Annakut, Abhishek, Rukshamani Vivah, Shobha Yatra etc. programmes were organized and celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar) were the spokespersons of this Parayan.

On the first day of Mahamahotsav H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced the occasion along with Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and other saints. After Pothiyatra, Exhibition was inaugurated by Mahant Swami and thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota

Maharaj had initiated the Katha. 'Kirtan Vandana' and 'Kirtan Ganga' CD were released for Satsang Samaj on this pious occasion. At last, after the inspirational speeches of the saints, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the devotees.

The occasion of concluding ritual was graced by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala. After the grand Shobhayatra, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had graced the Sabha Mandap to perform the concluding ritual of the Katha. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had granted the benefit of Darshan to the ladies devotees. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the host devotee Akshar Nivasi Dalsangbhai Virsangbhai Chaudhary family through Bharatbhai etc. family members. Saints from places like Ahmedabad, Muli, Junagadh, Vadatal had arrived on this occasion. On the third day, Harikeshav Shastri Swami had graced the occasion and had blessed the host devotees. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had blessed the devotees with inspirational speeches.

On the last day of Mahotsav, Sneh Milan of the whole Chaudhary (Anjana) Samaj was organized by the host family which was attended by large number of devotees of Chaudhary family. Live-telecast of the whole programme was made upon the website of the temple, whose benefit was availed by the devotees residing abroad.

In the organizing committee of this Mahamahotsav, many saints and devotees had rendered their valuable services. Vrajvallbh Swami, Divyaprakash Swami, Madhav Swami, Kunj Swami, Rushi Swami, Vrajbhushan Swami etc. saints had rendered their beautiful services. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was very inspirational. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul).

### **Celebration of 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Singhali**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdam, 15<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, Shree Narnarayandev and

Shri Radhakrishnadev of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Singhali was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Thursday 21/02/2013. on this occasion three day Mahavishnu Yaag was organized from 19/02/2013 to 21/02/2013.

On 21/02/2013 grand Samaiyu of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed in the form of Shobhayatra. Thereafter, Mahapooja of Thakorji and Mahabhishek, Chhapanbhog Aarti etc. were performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the Sabha organized on the occasion alongwith the saints. In the Sabha Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Sadguru Shastri Purnaprakashdasji from Dholka, Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktivallbhdasji, Swami Vishwaprakashdasji from Kalol, Shastri J.K. Swami from Kalupur temple had delivered their inspirational services and at last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha. The whole arrangement of this divine occasion was made by Sadguru Ram Swami (poojaro of Rangmahol). Services of the young devotees were very inspirational during this divine occasion. (Sadhu Vishwaprakashdasji, Jetalpurdam)

### **Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Prabha Hanumanji Maharaj**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotav of Shree Prabha Hanumanji Maharaj invokd by our Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 24/01/2013 to 28/01/2013. on this occasion, Panchdinatmak Shrimad Bhagwat EkaDash Skanda Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Jamiyatpurwala) as the spokesperson.

On the first day, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced this occasion and said that, "Sarangpu of Ahmedabad Desh is Prabha Hanumanji temple of Jamiyatpura." on 25/01/2013, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had graced the occasion and had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. In the noon, Sundarkand was organized and on 27/01/2013 Mahabhishek of Hanumanji Maharaj was organized. In Hari-temple Mahapooja of Thakorji was performed with Shodasopchar. Thereafter, Annakut aarti and concluding ritual of Maruti Yagna were

performed. Concluding ritual of Katha of Maruti Sabha Mandap was performed by Sadguru Shastri Swami Shree Atmaprakashdasji (Mahant of Jetalpurdham) and the host family. Saints from Jetalpurdham, Muli, Gadhpur, Himatnagar, Idar, Vali, Kalupur etc. places had arrived on this divine occasion and had delivered their inspirational speeches. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpurdham) and devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Patel (Uvarsad). The whole arrangement was made by Gavaiya Chandraprakash Swami and Nilesh Bhagat. (Shastri Vijayprakashdasji, Jamiyatpura)

#### **Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Varshik Pratishtha Tithi Mahotsav in village Uvarsad**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Atmaprakashdasji, 1<sup>st</sup> Varshik Pratishtha Tithi Mahotsav of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad was celebrated by our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj. This Mahotsav was celebrated from 12/02/2013 to 16/02/2013. on this occasion Panchdinatmak Satsangibhushan Katha Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham).

On this divine occasion, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had arrived and had granted the benefit of divine Darshan and blessings to the ladies devotees. On this occasion, saints from Jamiyatpura, Jetalpur, Kalupur, Dholka, Naranpura, Kankaria, Mansa, Visnagar, Mahesana and Kalol had arrived.

On the day of concluding ritual of Katha, grand Swagat of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj in temple of ladies devotees and performed poojan of the spokesperson and Granthraj. Thereafter, announcement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav and Patotsav of next 12 years was made and the host devotees were honoured. Services of Yuak Mandal was very inspirational. The whole Sabha was organized by Sadguru Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpurdham). At last all the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Patel and Chintu, Hardik, Shambhu)

#### **Celebration of 4<sup>th</sup> Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bakrol**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Patotsav of deities of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bakrol was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 17/02/2013. Grand Shobhayatra was also organized in the village on this divine occasion. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the children had performed the cultural programme. Thereafter, poojan of the saints of Jetalpur and Kalupur temples was performed followed by the honour of the host devotees. Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur) had performed Katha. Sadguru Shyamcharan Swami, Sadguru Bhakti Vallabh Swami, Sadguru Harijivan Swami, Sadguru Baldevprasad Swami had also arrived on this occasion. All the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Dineshbhai Keshabhai Patrel, Gordhanbhai Patel, Bakrol)

#### **Satsang Sabha in Kocharab-Paldi**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Satsang Sabha was organized on Sunday 17/02/2013 wherein Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur) had performed Katha and had narrated the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul. The whole arrangement was made by Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji (Mahant of Kalol temple). (Sadguru Vishwaprakashdasji Mahant of Kalol temple)

#### **Celebration of grand Shakotsav in temple (ladies) of Jetalpurdham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and with the guidance of Sankhya Yogi Bachiba and Sankhya Yogi Narmadaba, grand Shakotsav was organized and celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the occasion and performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav. On this

occasion Katha-Kirtan-Bhakti were also performed. Services of all Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees and other ladies devotees of Mahila Mandal were very inspirational. About 3000 ladies devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad and divine Darshan of Shakotsav. (Sankhya Yogi Vanitaba and Sankhya Yogi Sangitaba, Jetalpurdham)

#### **Celebration of Grand Shakotsav in New Ranip**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) grand Shakotsav was organized on 05/01/2013. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced this occasion, performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav and blessed the devotees.

On this occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur), Swami Balswaroopdasji, Vraj Swami, Divyaprakash Swami, Sadguru Swami Dharmswaroopdasji and Shastri Vishwaswaroopdasji etc. saints had arrived. About more than six thousand devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of this divine Shakotsav wherein services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, New Ranip were very inspirational. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul)

#### **Shakotsav at village Kherol**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kherol on 27/01/2013.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced this occasion and had performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav whose benefit was availed by the devotees of the nearby villages. Ladies devotees had rendered their services of preparing the loaves. Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji had explained the importance of Shakotsav in the Sabha organized on the occasion. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the devotees.

On this occasion Madhav Swami (Prantij), Sukhnandan Swami, Vishwaswaroop Swami, Madhavpriya Swami, Shastri Divyaprakashdas

Swami and Yogi Swami had arrived. The whole arrangement was made under the guidance and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple). Services of the devotees and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal were inspirational. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Satsang Sabha in Ghatlodiya-Chandlodiya-Sola area**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Satsang Sabha was organized in the evening from 4.30 to 7.30 hours on Sunday 10/02/2013 in Unic City Homes (Common Plot) Sola wherein Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul), Shastri Swami Chaitanya Swami, Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddasji (Naranpura) had delivered their inspirational speeches on this occasion. Devotee Shri Purav Patel had performed Kirtan-Bhakti.

Devotee Shri Kanubhai B. Patel, Shri Jayeshbhai G. Patel, Shri Natubhai patel and Shri Vinubhai Patel had rendered the services as the hosts of this Sabha. On every Sunday and on every Agiyaras, Satsang Sabha is organized at night from 8.30 to 10.30 hours. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi and Shiksha Patri Jayanti, Group Path of 'Shiksha Patri' was also performed. Devotee Shri Kantaben patel had performed puojan and aarti of 'Shiksha Patri'.

Place of Sabha :Shree Narnarayandev Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal (Ghatlodiya-Chandlodiya-Sola area), Ganesh Park Complex Vibhag-1, I.D.Patel School Road, Ghatlodiya, Ahmedabad. Rameshbhai Patel : 9586422601.

#### **Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Patotsav at Vijapur of Vajiba**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Sunday 10/02/2013.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced the occasion and performed divine Vaghar of

Shakotsav and granted divine blessings to all the devotees and haribhaktas. Devotees from Balva, Visnagar, Gojariya and Kantha area had availed the benefit of this divine Shakotsav. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteshwar Gurukul), Shastri Uttampriya Swami (Bhuj) had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple).

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under the guidance of Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Naranghat temple) devotees Shri Popatbhai patel and Members of the Committee have been looking after the construction of Smruti temple on the place of Prasadi of Akshar Mukta Vajiba. (Mahendrabhai Patel, Hirawadi)

#### **Celebration of Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vihar**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Sadguru Bhandari Swami Suryaprakashdasji, grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 09/01/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vihar, whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Devotee Shri Natvarlal Manilal Patel through Yogeshbhai and Ramkrishna (America) family had rendered the services as the host of Shakotsav. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji (Vadnagar) and Shastri Swami Chaitnya Swami had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha. (Kothari)

#### **Celebration of Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jadeshwar park, Mahadevnagar**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jadeshwar Park, Mahadevnagar. On this occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur), Sadguru Mahant

Swai Laxmanjivandasji (approach) Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar), Shastri Swami Anandpriyadasji had delivered their inspirational speeches.

In the evening at 5.00 hours, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the occasion and performed aarti of Thakorji in the temples of Haribhaktas and ladies devotees and then graced the sabha wherein divine Vaghar of Shakotsav was performed whose divine Darshan was performed by all the devotees. The sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. (Kothari Natubhai Patel)

#### **Celebration of Shakotsav at village Kuha**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji of Kankaria temple and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ananprasaddasji, grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm at village Kuha. Devotee Shri Vinodbhai Bhalabhai Patel family had rendered the services as the host of this divine Shakotsav. Besides Shakotsav, Mahapooja, Shobhayatra and Satsang Sabha were also organized on this divine occasion.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced this occasion and grant Shobhayatra was organized. After performing concluding ritual of Mahapooja, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed aarti of Thakorji and then graced the Sabha wherein performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav whose divine Darshan was performed by the devotees and Haribhaktas. Saints from Ahmedabad, Naranpura, Jetalpur, Dholka, Sapawada and Kankaria had arrived on this occasion.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the residence of the host devotee alongwith the saints. The Sabha was conducted by Kothari Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kuha)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anandpura**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, on 27/01/2013 grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anandpura whose benefit was availed by more than one thousand devotees. On this occasion Shastri

Swami Siddheshwardasji and Shastri Madhvpriyadas from Siddhpur Gurukul had performed beautiful Katha-Varta. (Kothari, Anandpura)

### **Celebration of divine Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahegam**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad) and Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) on Sunday 03/02/2013 grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahegam (Tebli Fali).

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed divine Vaghar whose benefit was availed by devotees. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, saints had delivered their inspirational speeches and at last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha. Services of the ladies devotees were inspirational on this divine occasion. On this occasion Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami and J.K. Swami had arrived. (Kothari Harshadbhai on behalf of all devotees)

### **MULI DESH**

### **Celebration of Samaiyo of Vasant Panchmi of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mulidham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Mulidham was celebrated on the pious day of Maha Sud-5 Vasant Panchmi with great fervour and enthusiasm in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

In the morning at 6.30 hours, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed the ritual of Shodasopchar Mahabhishek in Vedic tradition. In the Sabha organized on the occasion poojan and reading of Shree Shiksha Patri were performed. Janma Jayanti of Sadguru Brahmanand Swami was also celebrated. With the great efforts of Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji, Khat-Muhurt of 'Shree Radharkishna Dev Entrance Gate' was also performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on this occasion. At 12.00 hours H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj played Rangotsav with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion HH. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja had also arrived.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

The devotee Shri Vasantiben Babubhai patel (Naranpura) had rendered the services as the chief host and devotee Shri Krishnaben Navibhai Mandaliya (Morbi) had rendered the services as the host of Rangotsav and the devotee Shri Dhirubhai Gordhanbha (Rajkot) had rendered the services as the host of poojan of Shree Shiksha Patri. Mahant Shwami Shyamsundardasji and saints and Mahant of Ahmedabad, Surendranagar and Charadava temples had delivered their inspirational speeches on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by devotee Shri Shailendrasinh Zala. Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji and J.K. Swami had rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen. Kothari Vraj Swami had made beautiful arrangements. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

### **Padyatra from Dhrangadhra to Mulidham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktiharidasji, about more than 350 Haribhaktas and ladies devotees had performed Padyatra from Dhrangadhra to Mulidham. (Anilbhai Dudhrejiya)

### **Invocation of the idol images at village Umarada**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Premjivandasji (Surendranagar), ritual of invocation of the idol images was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on 12/02/2013 on renovation of Shree Swaminarayan temple.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan was organized from 09/02/2013 to 13/02/2013 with Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Muli) as spokesperson. Besides this Tridinatmak Hariyaag, Annakut etc. were also organized. Devotee Shri Manubhai Patel had rendered the services as the host of the whole Mahotsav and devotee Shri Zaverbhai and Shri Maheshbhai Bhojani (Morbi) had rendered the services as the host of Katha. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced the occasion to grant the benefit of divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. Saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from Ahmedabad, Muli,

Charadava, Dhrangadhra and Bopal had arrived on this occasion. The whole Sabha and the host devotees were blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji. Under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji Kothari Ghanshyambhai and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### **Invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple (Dhanala-Halwad)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, invocation of the idol images of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhanala was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangijivan Saptah Parayan was organized from 26/01/2013 to 01/02/2013 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Dharmvallbhdasji (Bopal) and Shastri Nilkanthcharandasji (Muli). On 01/02/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images. In the Sabha, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees for more than seven days. (Anilbhai Dudhrejiya)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Narnarayandasji, grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On this occasion Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji, Shastri Hariom Swami (Mahant of Naranpura temple), Premswaroop Swami, Swami Krishnavallbhdasji (Surendranagar) and Yogi Swami had delivered their inspirational speeches. K.P. Swami, Bhanu Swami, Muktaswaroopdas and Kalu Bhagat had rendered their valuable services. (Kothari)

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With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Satsang Sabha was organized on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C. Wherein reading of Vachanamrit, Kirtan Bhakti,

Janmangal Namavali, Thaal, Aarti, Nitya, Niyam were performed. Grand Shakotsav was also organized on this occasion whose benefit was availed by more than 1800 devotees. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees. Here on every Saturday, Satsang Sabha is organized wherein Group aarti of Hanumanji is performed. (Kanubhai Patel)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan Texas**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Poojari Swami Ghanshyamcharandas and Gavaiya Swami Divyaprakashdas, festival of Uttarayan was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan.

On the pious day of Posh Sud Poonam on 28<sup>th</sup> January, a Sabha was organized wherein saints had performed Katha-Varta and had narrated Leela Charitra of Shreeji Maharaj and importance of Dharmkul.

On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi and Shiksha Patri Jayant reading and poojan of Shiksha Patri and grand Shakotsav were organized on 09/02/2013 wherein ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services of preparing loaves. Gavaiya Swami had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. With the directions of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Bal Yuva Shibir was organized wherein about more than 100 students had participated. (Ramesh Patel)

#### **I.S.S.O. Peoria, Chapter**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in our I.S.S.O. Peoria Chapter.

Here Satsang Sabha is organized on every Saturday in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours. The learned Kathakar of Ahmedabad Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji had granted the benefit of Satsang and Mahapooja to the devotees. On 26<sup>th</sup> January, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Chicago and devotees of Peoria had availed the benefit of Darshan and blessings.

On 16<sup>th</sup> February, Sabha was organized at the residence of the devotee Shri Govindbhai Patel and poojan, archan and reading of Shiksha Patri was performed. In the Sabha about 150 devotees of Chicago and

Blowmington cities had participated. (Ramesh T. Patel)

**Vasant Panchmi - Shiksha Patri Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the pious company of Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Mahant Swami Gyanprakashdasji, Satsang Sabha was organized on the pious day of Vasant Panchmi – Shiksha Patri Jayanti. Poojari Swami had offered the divine Darshan of Thakorji as if Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj has been writing Shiksha Patri. Mahant Swami and Gyanprakash Swami had performed poojan of Shiksha Patri and Shastri Swami Nirgundasji had performed divine aarti. In the Sabha, Shastri Swami had narrated erudite Katha on Shiksha Patri. At last books were offered in Prasadi as gift to the devotees in the Sabha. Ladies devotees had performed poojan of Shiksha Patri and had performed Janmangal Path. (Pravin Shah)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago**

With the directions and blessings of H.H.

Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, activity of Satsang is going on very well in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago. In this month, Satsang Sabha, Shakotsav, Vasant Panchmi, Shiksha Patri Jayanti etc. were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Grand Shakotsav was also celebrated with great joy. Vasudev Swami from Cleveland and Poojari Shantiprakash Swami had narrated the Katha of Shakotsav. In the evening all Haribhaktas had performed poojan-archan of Shiksha Patri and had performed Group Path of 212 Shloka along with the saints. (Vasant Trivedi)

**About Khandgras Chandragrahan**

Chaitra Sud-15 Thursday 25/04/2013  
Khandgras Chandragrahan. (Lunar Eclipse)

- **Vedh Noon** at 4.22 hours
- **Sparsh Night** at 1.21 hours
- **Moksha Night** at 1.38 hours

**AKSHARVAAS**

**Soja**– Devotee Shri Amrutbhai Kachardas Modi (age 86 years) (father of the devotee Shri Arvindbhai and Shri Sureshbhai) passed away to *Akshardham* on 05/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

**Kera (Kachchh)**- Devotee Dhanjibhai Jadva Savani [father of the devotee Shri Jethalal Savani (London)] passed away to Divine Abode of God on 22/02/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Ahmedabad**- Devotee Shri Chandiraben Navinbhai Marfatiya [wife of the devotee Shri Navinbhai Ranchhodlal Marfatiya (at present America) the younger brother of devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ranchhodlal Marfatiya (Jorangwala) (at present America)] passed away to *Akshardham* while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Ahmedabad**– Devotee Shri Chandrakantbhai Gordhandas Soni (Savliwala) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 31/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Mitli (Tal. Khambhat)**- Devotee Shri Abhsinh Devisinh Raol (age 78 years) passed away to Akshardham on 03/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**North Carolina (America)**– Devotee Shri Alpaben and devotee Shri Hemangkumar Mahendrabhai Patel [daughter and brother-in-law of devotee Shri Vishnubhai Narandas Patel (Mansawala) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 09/07/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Ahmedabad**– Devotee Shri Dahyabhai Maganlal Patel (Itadarawala) [brother-in-law of devotee Shri Vishnubhai Patel (Mansa)] passed away to Divine Abode of God on 08/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Santrampur (Panchmahal)**– Devotee Shri Hiralal L. Patel (retired typist) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 10/02/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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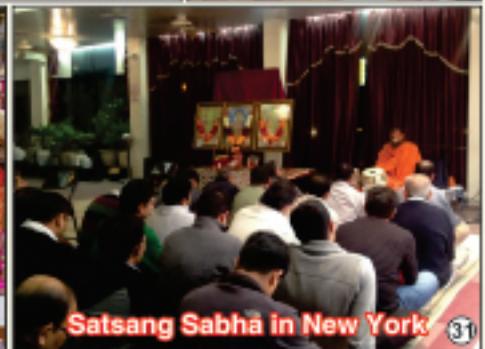
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H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Samaiyo of Vasant Panchami by playing with colours in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli.

H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, the 7th incarnation of Shree Hari and H.H. Shri 108 Shri Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, the 8th incarnation of Shree Hari, at the place of Prasadi where Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan had performed Fuldolotsav for the first time with Haribhaktas and devotees.

# Fuldolotsav

Fagan Sud Poonam 27/03/2012 Wednesday  
at 12.00 hours

the host  
Devotee Shri Harendra Ashokbhai Patel  
Mandvi (Kachchh) at present London



Pratul Kharsani