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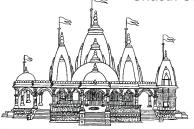


# अस्मध्यम्

Months of Chaitra and Vaisakh have been very hot during this Summer. Now even a common has also started using Air-conditioner. Before twenty five-thirty years, there was no electricity in the village and even without fans, people used to enjoy their sleep in the afternoon and at night. Our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj have also developed the habit of sleeping in the afternoon without fans in the villages during their Vicharan and many saints and devotees know it. Nowadays a person spends the whole day under tremendous tension. Earlier, there was not this much tension. Diabetes which was considered a Royal Disease is now found everywhere. Life of everybody has been full of tension. People know that they should perspire but nobody wants to do any perspiring work and resultantly such diseases have crept into the houses of the people. However, there have been instances of curing of such diseases by Yoga. There has been great awareness about Yoga among the people. Before 200 years, Sadguru Gopalanand Swami of our Sampradaya used to perform Ashtang Yog and many saints were also Vaidyas (doctors); they used to prepare Ayurvedic medicines used to serve the people free of cost without any self-interest. There were many such saints in our Sampradaya and we should be proud of them.

Now pious Chatur Maas will begin. People of the world do not get spiritual happiness like us. During these four months, almost every devotee shall perform some Vishesh Niyam. You may decide to follow any one of eight Niyams prescribed in the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. Reading of the scriptures, Pradakshina, Dandwat, to clean with broom the nearby temple, etc. you may take any of such Niyam. Sarvopari Bhagwan Shree Hari would be very much pleased with you. Inculcate such good habits among the young children.

Editor Mahant Swami Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas



## SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

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

(MAY-2017)

1	Graced	Shree	Swaminarayan	temple,	Mansa	and
	Unava o	n the oc	casion of Patots	av.		

- 2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Colony and Bopal on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 3-4 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhaktinagar (Mankuva) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 5 to 12 Pilgrimage to America for nourishment of Satsang.
- 14 Graced the house of the devotee Shri Pratikbhai Thakkar, Vastrapur.
- 15-16 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 17 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ishwarpura (ladies devotees) on the occasion of re-invocation of idol images and on the occasion of Patotsav of temple of Haribhaktas.
- 18 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vegadvav (Tal. Halvad Muli Desh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 18 to 30 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rale (America), Khat Muhurt of temple and Patotsav.
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya (R.C. Technical road) on the occasion of Murtipratistha.

#### APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

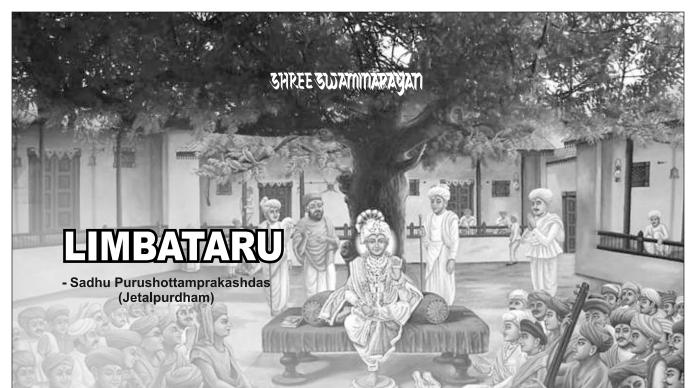
(MAY-2017)

- 7 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Pethapur on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 14 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adaraj on the occasion of Katha-Parayan and Patotsav.
- 16 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 21 to 30 Graced America on the occasion of Murti Pratistha of Raley North Caroline Shree Swaminarayan temple and Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland.





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Ebhal Khachar of Gadhpur has been moving from one village to another for purchasing milky buffaloes of noble breed. He entered the farm of the village Umej in the afternoon to take rest and to offer water to his thirsty horse. The farmer was watering the crops and water was spilling over the nick. Horse of Ebhak Khachar was drinking water. At a distance Sanyasi Mahatma Vitthalanand and Balanand were sitting under a Neem tree. They were father and son in their Purvashram. They were the disciples of Mahapurush Siddhpurush Atmanand Swami and with the blessings of Guru, they had obtained Atmagyan and so they were able to know the mystery of all the three aspects of time. Both of them were discussing a divine topic. They were talking that, Bhagwan Himself would come and sit under this neem tree as it appears a noble soul of Mahan Mukta.

Ebhak Khachar overheard the words of Vitthalanand and he carefully saw the Limbataru tree. His mind was being full of the cloud of noble thoughts. The talk reached upto Sabha. So Ebhal Khachar left the idea of purchasing the buffaloes and

thought about taking this Limbataru in Gadhpur. With the blessings of Bhagwan, divine thoughts of noble persons are known by Bhagwan.

Ebhal Khachar determined to bring Limbataru to Gadhpur. Though route was quite long and people may also talk and laugh at him as he would bring tree instead of buffaloes. People would also laugh at such idea as there was no dearth of Neem tree in Kathiawar. All these thoughts came to the mind of Ebhal Khachar.

But Ebhal Khachar determined to bring the neem tree in Gadhpur and to plant it into the chawk of Darbar Gadh so that one day in future, Bhagwan would come as per the Vachan of these sadhus and our Gadhpur and all the villagers would be blessed with the divine Darshan and blessings of Bhagwan. What is more beneficial and divine this!

If Bhagwan would come all the desires and wishes of the mind will be fulfilled and all future generations would get emancipation. There have been many mistakes in the past, many opportunities

have been missed. So now the neem tree which grants divine Darshan of Bhagwan is not to be missed. Neem tree is bitter by taste but it is sweet in its result. With these ideas, Ebhal Khachar determined to bring Neem tree to Gadhpur.

Vitthalanand knew the thoughts running in the mind of Ebhal Khachar so he went away from the place in order to give space to Ebhal Khachar. Ebhal Khachar performed Vandan to both Sadhus by uttering the words 'Jay Satchidanand'.

Ebhal Kchar went to the farmer-owner of the filed and asked his permission to take away that neem tree. There were many neem trees in the field and the farmer had not heard the words of both Sanyasins and so he granted permission to Ebhal Khachar to take away as many neem trees as he wanted.

Ebhal Khachar very carefully uprooted the neem tree and brought it with him and started his journey back to home. After carrying the load of clay and the neem tree for many days, Ebhal Khachar planted the neem tree in the chawk of his Darbar with utmost affection. He also took vow that, until the plant starts growing new delicate leaves he would not take any meals and would perform fast. Everyday he used to water the plants and provide manure required for its growing and then he would pray to Bhagwan for its growth.

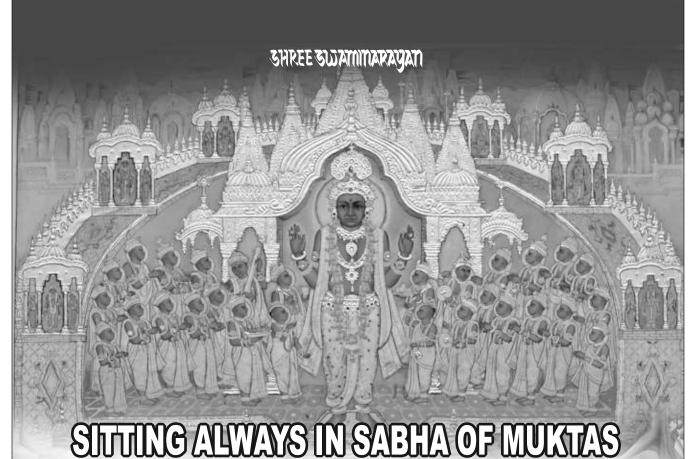
After some days, the plant started growing new delicate green leaves. Ebhal Khachar was very much happy at this. Now he was eagerly waiting for Bhagwan to come and grant divine Darshan. In order to expedite, reading of Shrimad Bhagwat Puran was started by Ebhal Khachar. The neem started growing gradually and now it developed into a shady tree spreading its branches in all the eight directions.

Once Bhagwan Swaminarayan

incarnated near Mancha Khachar of Kariyani and graced Gadhpur and decided the place of the neem tree as a place of meeting. In this way Anant Koti Adhipati of Brahmand Shree Sahajanand Swami made the words of Vitthalanand true.

In Vachanamrit Vadtal-12 there is one Kirtan 'Dhanya Vrindavanvai Vadni Chhaya re Jyan Hari Besata' which was sung by the saints. In the places of pilgrimage of our Sampradaya, Muktas of Akshardham grant us divine Darshan while residing in the body of such trees. So many devotees perform divine Darshan of such divine places and fulfill their desires. It is our great luck that, though many years have passed, Shreji Maharaj has kept such Muktas in our Satsang. From the authentic information obtained, it is learnt that still there about three hundred such Muktas of Akshardham residing in the body of trees of the small and big places of pilgrimage of our Sampradaya and we should avail the benefit of their divine Darshan. A list of such great Mukta trees is given here as ready reference.

Tree of Borsali in Aksharfulvadi of Jetalpurdham. Ambli tree in Aslali on highway. Amblo in Gyanbaug of Vadtal, Ambli in Loj, Ali in Akha, Limdo in Sardhar, Limdo-ad in Kariyana, Limbdo in Nagadka, Limbdo in Bhadreshi, Limbada(02) in Muli, Rayan in Bamroli, Ambli in Jaliya, Vad in Kamiyana, Bordi in Rajkot, Khijado in Bholad, Ambli (2) in Gadhda, Vad in Piplana, Pipalo in Methan, Ambli and Vad in Kalvani, Khijadi in Rethal, Varkhado in Karjisan, Ama in Visnagar, Ambli-Rayan-Vad in Bhuj, Vad-Khijdo in Mankuva, Nagad in Samatra, Ambli-Vad in Kala Talav, Khijado in Dhamdaka, Vad in Mandvi. There are many such innumerable trees of Prasadi granting divine Darshan in Sampradaya.



- Shastri Nirgundas (Ahmedabad)

॥ प्रहर्षणीयवृत्तम् ॥

मुक्तानां सदिस सदा विराजमानं पूर्णेन्दुप्रवरमुखाब्जपत्रनेत्रम् । मन्दारस्थलरुहकुन्दसारहारं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥१॥ अम्भोजध्वजकलशांकुशोर्ध्वरेखागोपदप्रमुखस्क्ष्मपादपद्मम् । सामोदभ्रमरविग्ंजितावचुलं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपद्ये ॥२॥ भक्तेभ्यो विहितसबीजसांख्ययोगं प्रावारप्रचलितकंचुकाभिरामम् । श्रीखण्डप्रवरतमालपत्रमीशं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपद्ये ॥३॥ विद्योतन्मणिमयहेमकुण्डलश्रीकर्णाग्रोत्तमकुसुमावतंसरम्यम् । श्रीवत्सोल्लसितम्जान्तरं सदीशं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥४॥ संसारप्रशमनकारणप्रतापं विभ्राणं सुरुचिरमौक्तिकीं च मालाम् । हस्ताग्रे सललितमालिकां दघानं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥५॥ शान्तानां विदलितमानमत्सराणां कामादिप्रबलविपक्षनिर्जयानाम । साघुनामनिशमवेक्षणीयरूपं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥६॥ वेदान्तैरूदितसुकीर्तिमाप्तकामं जुष्ठांघ्रिविजितविदुषणैर्मुनिन्द्रैः । ब्रह्माण्डस्थपतिसुरेश्वरैकनाथं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपद्ये ॥७॥ रम्याणां विमलसुवर्णभूषणानां श्रीमत्तामवयवशोभया दघानम् । धर्मान्तप्रभवनवीनमेघनीलं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥८॥ ॥ इति अचिन्त्यानन्दवर्णिविरचितं धर्मनन्दनाष्ट्रकम् समाप्तम् ॥

Sarvopari, Sarvavatari Parabrahma

Parmatma Bhagwan Swaminarayan incarnated as human being on this earth as a result of curse of Durvasa Muni. When Rishis Munis came to know about this, they left all the pleasures and happiness of the world of Panchvishay and joined themselves in rendering their devout services to Bhagwan. Paramhamsas are among them and they have described Shree Hari as they have seen Him in Kirtan, Ashtak and scriptures. In this Ashtak Achintyanandji prays to Dharmnandan Bhagwan Shree Hari in Sanskrit using Praharshini Chhanda which expresses the feeling of safety and security.

मुक्तानां सदिस सदा विराजमानं पूर्णेन्दुप्रवरमुखाब्जपत्रनेत्रम् । मन्दारस्थलरुहकुन्दसारहारं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥१॥

Param Ekantik Shree Hari, You look adorable with your eyes like the petals of

the bright lotus flower in the lake shining and with the face like a full moon sitting on high throne in the grand Sabha of Aksharmuktas. You have worn a beautiful garland of lotus flowers around your neck shining like gold. I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari – incarnation of Dharmrishi.

अम्भोजध्वजकलशांकुशोर्ध्वरेखागोपदप्रमुखसुक्ष्मपादपद्मम् । सामोदभ्रमरविगुंजितावचूलं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥२॥

Your divine lotus like feet reveal divine Chinha like Aakash, Dhwaj, Kalash, Ankush, Urdhvarekha, Gopad etc. as described in Samudrik Shastra. You have worn white clothes like white moon which are surrounded by Bhramars mistaking it as white flowers. I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari – incarnation of Dharmrishi.

भक्तेभ्यो विहितसबीजसांख्ययोगं प्रावारप्रचलितकंचुकाभिरामम् । श्रीखण्डप्रवरतमालपत्रमीशं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥३॥

Ekantik Bhakta who has sought Your divine shelter has divine knowledge about Sankhya- Ishwarwad and existence of Bhagwan in detail with the mysteries of Yog-Shastras. Yog which consists of eight organs like Gyan, Yam, Niyam, Aasan, Pranayam, Pratyahar, Dharana, Dhyan and Samadhi have nicely been described and You have worn the beautiful clothes and You look like Shwet Himkhanda upon Tal-Patra! I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari — incarnation of Dharmrishi.

विद्योतन्मणिमयहेमकुण्डलश्रीकर्णाग्रोत्तमकुसुमावतंसरम्यम् । श्रीवत्सोल्लिसतम्जान्तरं सदीशं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥४॥

Your earrings shine like the lightning striking in the sky. Beautiful laces of fragrant flowers flowing from the turban looks so beautiful and adorable. Your both strong arms with chest so charming are there to protect Your Ekantik Bhaktas only. I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari—incarnation of Dharmrishi.

संसारप्रशमनकारणप्रतापं विभ्राणं सुरुचिरमौक्तिकीं च मालाम् । हस्ताग्रे सुललितमालिकां द्घानं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपद्ये ॥५॥

You are capable of removing all woes of this world such as birth and death of all Jeevas. Beautiful necklace of precious gems around your neck is looking very charming. Tulsi Kashtha mala with artistic round shaped beads held in Your right hand is looking nicely placed. I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari—incarnation of Dharmrishi.

शान्तानां विदलितमानमत्सराणां कामादिप्रबलविपक्षनिर्जयानाम् । साघुनामनिशमवेक्षणीयरूपं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥६॥

You grant serene and divine peace in the hearts of Your Ekantik Bhaktas by burning their inner enemies like Mada, Matsar, Kaam which always destroy the peace of Your devotees. Your divine Swaroop always grants desirable swaroop for Darshan to all Mumukshus and noble Sadhu Purushs. I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari – incarnation of Dharmrishi.

वेदान्तैरूदितसुकीर्तिमाप्तकामं जुष्ठांघ्रिविजितविदुषणैर्मुनिन्द्रैः । ब्रह्माण्डस्थपतिसुरेश्वरैकनाथं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥७॥

Hey Shree Hari, Vedant Shastras always sing Your Kirti and Yashgaan. And Munis who have won over the inner enemies like Kaam, Krodhas perform sevan of Your Charan-Kamal. Master of Anantkoti Brahmand and only Adhistata of Dev, Danav and Manav, I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari—incarnation of Dharmrishi.

रम्याणां विमलसुवर्णभूषणानां श्रीमत्तामवयवशोभया दघानम् । धर्मान्तप्रभवनवीनमेघनीलं धर्मांगप्रभवमहं हरिं प्रपदये ॥८॥

Hey Shree Hari, Your limbs are so beautiful that they adore and adorn all the ornaments worn around each of them. Your body looks like the dark water-filled clouds appearing for the first time in the sky view of the rainy season and so I pray while surrendering at your lotus like feet of Oh Shree Hari—incarnation of Dharmrishi.

# SHREE GHANSHYAM MAHOTSAV

|(A UNIQUE UTSAV)|

- Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji (Ahmedabad)



With the blessings of Sarvavatari Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev, about 65 years ago Akshar Nivasi Acharya 1008 Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj got constructed Akshr Bhuvan invoked the idol image of Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj with a view that all the devotees may get divine Darshan of things of Prasadi of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Over the period of time, this building was rendered into dilapidated condition and so with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Shri Harikrishnadasji and with the support and co-operation of all the saints and the devotees, renovation work of Aksharbhuvan was started. Accordingly, on the occasion of inauguration of newly renovated Aksharbhuvan, Panchdinatmak 'Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav' was organized from 31/05/2017 to 04/06/2017.

Shree Ghanshyam Leelamrit, Panchdinatmak Ratriya Parayan, Abhishek, Annakut, Shree Ghanshyam Janmotsav and

Rangarang Shree Mandir Udghatan were organized.

Every night benefit of Katha of Utsav with Shastri Swami Shri Ramkrishnadasji as the spokesperson was availed from 8.15 to 11.00 hours by the ladies devotees and Haribhaktas. Free bus transportation service was made available to the devotees and Haribhaktas from Hari Mandirs of various places. During Katha, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted divine Darshan and blessings to the haribhaktas and ladies devotees, respectively. After Katha, arrangement of Prasad was also made.

In the morning on 04/06/2017 divine Darshan of Abhishek of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Annakut Darshan was performed by the devotees. On the same day in the evening concluding ritual of Katha and grand Rangarang programme was organized on the stage in the presence of the special guest Shri Vijaybhai Rupani (Chief Minister of Gujarat State) and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The whole journey from the construction of Kalupur temple till the present Utsav was shown in the form of Nritya-Natika. At last, Hon'ble the Chief Minister and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed inauguration of newly inaugurated temple.

During the whole programme, saints from various places had arrived

and blessed all the devotees. Hon'ble Chief Minister praised the various noble and social activities like Vyasan Mukti being done by the Sampradaya for the upliftment of the society. During the whole Utsav, services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal were very memorable. Lacs of devotees and Haribhaktas in the country as well as abroad availed the benefit of watching live telecast of this programme through Internet and Lakshya T.V.

It is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, our Satsang may nourish and develop through such Utsav.



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#### Shree Swaminarayan Museum



#### Kamad of Shree Narnarayandev

On the pious day of Fagan Sud-03 Samvat 1878, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan fulfilled one of His Gudh Sankalpas (establishing Dev, Shastra and seat of Dharmvanshi Acharya) and got constructed first temple of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya in Ahmedabad and invoked idol images of Shree Narnarayandev in the temple. At that time, Shree Hari embraced the idol images and proclaimed that there is no difference between Him and these idol images as Images are His Own Form, poured divine powers into them and blessed all the living beings that, by performing Darshan-poojan-Sevan of these deities, all their desires and wishes will be fulfilled.

Divine Darshan of original Kamad of the inner temple at the time of ritual of Pratistha can be performed in this Museum. These Kamad is not only of inner temple but also of Akshardham. For the first time, Shree Hari opened these Kamad and granted divine Darshan of the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and Himself performed aarti of the deities. For many years, these divine Kamad of Prasadi have been touched by Shree Hari, Mulji Brahmchari, Vasudev Bramchari.

If you look inside these Kamad, you will be blessed with the divine Darshan of Shree Narnrayandev and this is a road leading towards Akshardham. The threshold of the inner temple upon which Shreeji Maharaj sat is still there 'As it is' condition in the inner temple in front of the deities.

These Kamads are not physical but divine and simply by performing its divine Darshan, one gets glimpse of Utsav of Dev Pratistha. This is the same Kamad – capable of granting Kalyan – which has been laid open by Shree Hari Himself and these Kamdas have also been blessed with nectar-sprinkling of Abhishek Jal of Dev.

So let us perform divine Darshan of this Kamad of Prasadi and feel that these Kamads have been got prepared by Shree Hari for us only.

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel

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List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna-May-17					
Rs.50,000/-	Kantilal Keshara Bhudiya-Fotdi-Kachchh.				
Rs.21,000/-	Ramilaben Govindbhai Patel-Maninagar (Through Govindbhai and Harsh)				
Rs.21,000/-	Pushpaben Jashvantlal Doshi (Bhaljasaheb Mandal), Ahmedabad.				
Rs.11,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sector-23, Gandhinagar (Through Shastri Haripriyadasji Swami)				
Rs.10,000/-	Arvind Govind Hirani-Mankuva (Kachchh).				
Rs.5,500/-	Sureshbhai Bhagwanjibhai family- Malaniyad offering of first salary in Museum.				
Rs.5,001/-	Kailashben Lalbhai Patel-Uvarsadwala at present Gandhinagar.				
Rs.5,000/-	Minaben K. Joshi-Bopal-Ahmedabad.				
Rs.5,000/-	Patel Dashrathbhai Prahladbhai (former Trustee)-Jamiyatpurwala-Ahmedabad on the occasion of birthday.				

# List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of *Abhishek* of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum-May-17

07/05/2017	Dashrathlal Nathalal Modi (Ghanshyam Agency)- Prantij (through
14/05/2017	Rohitbhai and Dipakbhai) Naranbhai Parshottambhai Patel-Karjisanwala on the occasion of
18/05/2017	birthday of Dhara Bharatbhai. Ganga Swaroop Gauriben Amrutbhai Patel – Maninagar (through
23/05/2017	Jatinbhai and Riteshbhai) on the occasion of new factory. Mahir Shivji Hirani and Bala Mahir Hirani-London.

10 gram, 20 gram, silver coins of Shree Narnarayandev are available at Shree Swaminarayan Museum for offering it on pious occasions and for personal preservation.

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

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

# WHO IS REAL FRIEND? - Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Dear devotees! One may have many friends in life. But today we are going to talk about those who are real friends.

Bhagwan Swaminarayan says to the saints, 'Oh saints! How do you grant the benefit of divine experience of Amrit Katha of Bhagwan to the Jeev of this world, who have never experienced it earlier." The reply is that experience is granted like Ginga and Bhramar.

Friends! You must be knowing that Ginga is an insect of cow-dung. It moves around the cow-dung and it does not know about the fragrance of the flowers. Once this Ginga became friend with Bhramar. Bhramar took its friend Ginga upon its wing and moved around a beautiful garden. Bhramar placed Ginga on a beautiful flower and asked which type of fragrance or smell is it experiencing? But Ginga replied that, it was only the odour of cowdung only. Thereafter, Bhramar placed it upon Mogra flower and asked the guestion again. The Ginga replied the same answer that it was the odour of cow-dung only. Bhramar felt something unusual with Ginga and so it took it and threw it in waterpool near a well of the farm of a farmer. This insect Ginga was not of water, so it started feeling uncomfortable in the water-pool. Bhramar now lifted it wet and placed it again upon one flower of the garden. Now the Ginga started dancing experiencing beautiful flowers.

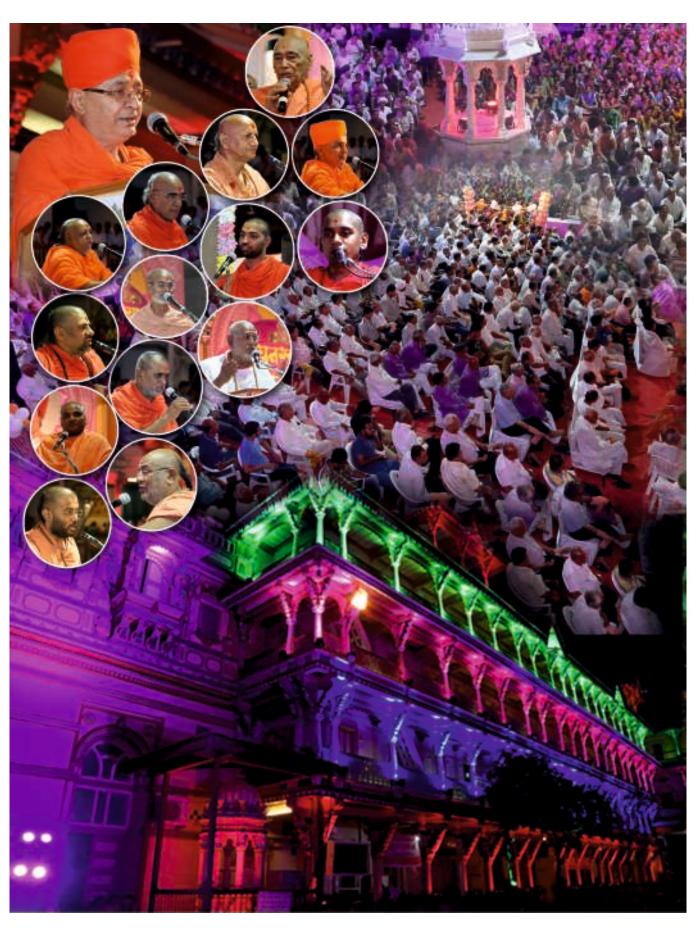
The reason is that the nose of Ginga was filled up with dung and so it was not able to smell the real fragrance of the flowers like Rose and Mogra. As the nose was cleansed with water now the Ginga started having real experience of beautiful fragrance of flowers.

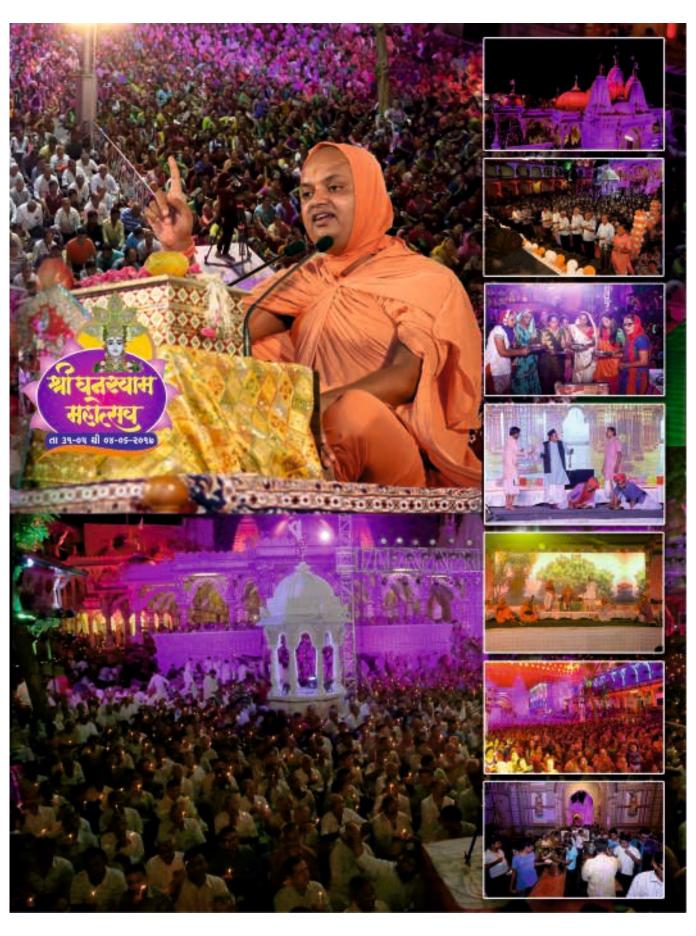
Friends! Until the dung of this world is removed from our mind, whether you read Satsangibhushan and Bhagwat, you will not feel their divine fragrance. Until the dust is cleansed from the nose, one cannot enjoy the Katha-listening.

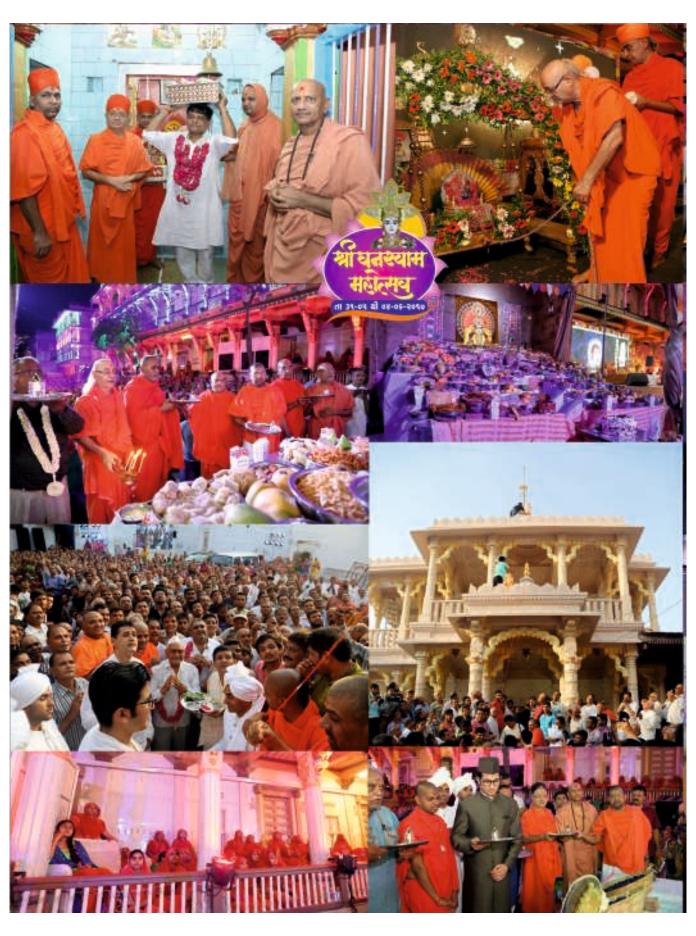
Then what does the saints do? Bhagwan Swaminarayan has said, 'You are real friends of Jeev." Just as that Bhramar became real friend of the insect Ginga and helped it remove the dung from its nose, the saints help all the Jeevas to remove Kubuddhi from their mind and advice and guide them to perform Mala, Dhoon, Bhajan, divine vows during pious Chaturmaas, divine Darshan of deities in the temple etc. Bhramar had nothing to gain from the insect Ginga; similarly the saints have nothing to gain from the jeevas but then also benevolent as they are, they help these Jeevas to live a noble and pious and righteous life.

Friends! These saints are our real friends as they show us right and righteous path. And therefore it is rightly said for them:









સંત સગા હરિજન સગા અંત સમય મે રામ તુલસી યે સંસારમેં તીનું ઠરન કે કામ.

# WHO IS ENEMY? - Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Swaminarayan Bhagwan is Bhaktavatsal because devotees are very dear to Him. Its evidence is the pious 'Shiksha Patri' written by Shree Hari Himself. With a view that, the devotees never face any difficulties—small or big—all things have been minutely described in the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. Importance of this divine scripture is that, if all the directions contained in it are followed scrupulously, a devotee would never be unhappy in his life.

Nowadays we see that, an appeal is being made in public to maintain cleanliness. Provisions of imposing Penalty are also being considered for being introduced for those who do not maintain cleanliness. But if we look at our pious 'Shiksha Patri' written about 190 years ago, it is already written in it advising not to spit anywhere and not to litter or execrate at water-pools like pond, lake, under a tree etc. Let us know about one such incident of inspiration about cleanliness.

Once Shreeji Maharaj was performing Vicharan from one village to another during the severe heat of the Summer season. As it was severe heat, it was thought appropriate to take rest. A mango tree was seen at a distance. All went there but the shady place under the mango tree was spoilt by a man. So they went to another shady tree and took rest under it. While taking rest, Shreeji Maharaj connected the

incident of mango tree with the dog killing a rabbit and told, "Dog killing that rabbit is its real friend whereas the man who spoilt the shady place under the mango tree is its enemy."

The incident about the rabbit was that, a dog was walking along procession of Shreeji Maharaj. The dog happened to see a rabbit and instinctively it jumped upon the rabbit and injured the rabbit. Though the dog was driven away but the rabbit was seriously injured. Maharaj offered water to the rabbit, it drank the water and passed away in the presence of Shreeji Maharaj.

Devotees could not understand the connection between these two incidents and so they requested Maharaj to explain it to them in detail. Maharaj smiled and said that though the dog attacked and injured the rabbit but because of if the rabbit got water from Our hand and so after death the rabbit got emancipation. So the dog helped the rabbit in obtaining emancipation in life and thereby it was friend of rabbit.

Whereas when we thought about taking rest under the mango tree but we could not take rest there as the place was spoilt by a man. Thus, due to that man, this mango tree could not render devout services which it was capable of and thereby it missed the opportunity of obtaining emancipation. This opportunity was spoilt by that man and thereby he was enemy of mango tree. One is enemy of Jeev who spoils its Moksha.

Dear young friends! Now you must have realized that, if you follow the directions contained in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' you will never be unhappy in your life and you will obtain pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj.

# || सान्त्सुधा ||

# ANYBODY CAN GAIN DIVINITY (FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA, ON THE OCCASION OF SATSANG SABHA OF EKADASHI IN KALUPUR TEMLE-HAVELI) - Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-Ghodasar

Today one lady devotee came to meet us at our residence at Swaminarayan Baug. She asked me, 'When you are descendant of Bhagwan and so close to Bhagwan, how much divinity must be being felt by you?" We gain strength while thinking about what we listen to such questions. The inner feeling emerging in heart is felt so noble. But if this emotion is direction towards pride, everything becomes useless. So when we are close to Bhagwan, we have to think 'Why Bhagwan has placed us at this place?' what is its reason? Otherwise whatever is our efficiency will also evaporate. If we misuse the honour and respect we get and if we start cherish pride, nothing would happen. Everything will be over in just one second. The meaning is that, if one leads life while following the directions of Bhagwan, one can gain divinity. That means we have to make meaningful use of whatever we have received so far. And for progressing ahead in life, we have to check ourselves every now and then how far we have progress on the path of Kalyan! We have to ask this question to ourselves and then do we know how much progress we have achieved? Yet we get the wrong answer. Our mind is not ready to believe it. Everything is difficult. A person may have committed theft and yet he advances so many excuses to prove that he is not a thief. So this mind works in a very tricky manner. But we have to identify it and we have to prepare

ourselves in not following it blindly. We do not have to accept and follow its advice. All this has to be done by self-introspection only. If we come to know, then only it will be cured. A common man does not know all this. But through the medium of Satsang, we come to know about our loopholes. When our mind is filled up with Sattvik thoughts, we come to know, how much cunningness is there in us. If we find cherishing in our mind the feelings like Irshya, Dwesh, Krodh, Kapat, Ninda, we should understand that, we are not the right path. And if we are cherishing Sattvik feelings like Daya in our heart, we should understand that we are on right and righteous path.

We have to strive hard to remove all layers of darkness which cannot be wiped out so easily because they have been piled up through ages. It is true that, there is disease. But we have to do something to get rid of it. If we do not clean the utensils, there would be dust over it. Just as we clean our clothes daily. We take bath daily. And similarly we have to clean our mind and heart also. We have to check our mind and heart daily then it would be cleaned easily. We have to clean all our Doshas so we have to look at them everyday. Inner dirt is also of various types so we have also to think how to clean it? We have to devise new ways and means for that.

We have to play the role of a principal of a school. And we have to convince our antahkaran (Man, Buddhi, Chitta, Ahamkar) and Indriyas that there are certain things lying inside us which are wrong and we have to drive them out. There are persons in outside world,

who harass us. But there are stronger elements inside us who also harass us. We have to identify them.

We are very lucky due to our noble Karmas that, we have take birth upon this pious land. There are so many people who do not even know who is 'Narnarayandev'? so we should not cherish pride for anything. We should feel pride that, we have got Shree Narnarayandev with us. We have to maintain it and we have to progress.

# AISHWARYA OF GOPALANAND SWAMI - Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

Birthplace of the great saints become the place of pilgrimage. Among our saints, Tordadham (Sabarkantha) the birthplace of Gopalanand Swami is immediately reminded to us. In Bhakta Chintamani, Nishkulanand Swami has remembered the Aishwarya of Gopalanand Swami in 142nd Chapter:

"અનુપ ઈડર દેશમાં ધન્ય ધન્ય ટોડલા ગામધન્ય ધન્ય દ્વિજની જાતને જ્યાં ઉપન્યા ભક્ત અકામ. ચોગી પૂર્વ જન્મના જેને વાલા સંગાથે વાલ પ્રભૂ સંગાથે પ્રકટ્યા, ખરા ભક્ત નામખુશાલ."

Khushal Bhatt was the name of Purvashram of Gopalanand Swami. He was Yogi and this was witnessed by many local people even when he was very young. He was not childish even in his childhood. He cherished ardent love and affection towards Bhagwan

"એવા ભક્ત તે ખરા ખુશાલ, જેને ન ગમી સંસારી ચાલ, બાળપણમાં રચ્ચા ભજને, બીજું કાંઈ ગમ્યું નહિ મને."

He liked Bhajan and Bhakti right from his childhood. Once there was no rain during the monsoon season. The farmers were worried. Suddenly they remembered the divine impact of Khushal Bhatt. All got together and went to Khushal Bhatt and requested him to have mercy on them. Bhattaji asked them to perform Bhajan and after sometime there was abundant rain.

Farmers became happy.

Khushal Bhatt was running a school in the village and he was imparting education to the young children. Many times, these children were shown Aishwarya by Bhattji. Once fire broke in the house of a Brahmin full of hay. The people rushed out of the house caught in fire. A 15 year old child could not come out as he was surrounded by the fire. He started shouting. The parents were crying thinking that, their child is now burnt to ashes in the fire. But to their surprise, they saw their child running from the direction of his school. The child narrated that, his teacher Khushal Bhatt uplifted him from the fire using his divine powers and saved him. Miracles of Khushal Bhatt were being discussed in every house of the village.

Once Shree Hari graced Tordatham as Brahmin. From there Maharaj came to Jetalpurdham wherein grand Utsav was going on. Khushal Bhatt performed divine Darshan of Bhagwan and performed Dandwat Pranam. Bhattji stayed there for obtaining knowledge from Shree Hari. Thereafter as per the directions of Shreeji Maharaj, Bhattji obtained Diksha and went to Vadodara for nourishment of Satsang. In Vadodara, arrangement of stay of Bhattji was made at the residence of Sadashiv. Now Swaminarayan Bhagwan used to take meals invisibly with Khushal Bhatt and this continued for as long as one month, which was witnessed by Sadashiv and his wife.

There are innumerable Parachas of Aishwarya of Shree Gopalanand Swami and all cannot be written in such a small article. So we need to know and cherish such Aishwaryas of Swami in our life and then only we would come to know about the real divine powers and Aishwarya of our Nand saints.

# अंदर्भ ग स्रुग्याय

#### Chandan Vagha Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad

With the bleeeessings of Parmkripalu Sarvopari Shree Hari and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, beautiful Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev in Chandan Vagha was performed and devotees used to perform Nitya Darshan. Poojari Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji and his disciples had rendered beautiful services to obtain divine pleasure of the deities. Many saints and devotees used to perform divine Darshan. Many Haribhaktas rendered their services as the hosts of this divine occasion. (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji)

#### 7<sup>∞</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Colony

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Sarvavatari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) and with the arrangement of devotee Shri Dasbhai and Satang Samaj, 7° Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminaryaan temple, Harshad Colony was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 26/04/2017 to 02/05/2017.

On this occasion, Ratri Parayan katha

of 'Dhirajakhyan' of Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized with Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Babubhai Haribhai Vaghasiya family rendered their services as as the chief host of Katha. On this occasion Satsang Diaro, Pothi-yatra, Samuh Group Mahapooja, Annakut, Sabha and Mahaprasad etc. were organized. Saints from Ahmedabad (Kalupur), Gandhinagar, Approach, Naranghat etc. temples had arrived. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted divine Darshan and blessings to the ladies devotees.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees for expeditious consturciton of new temple which is at present under construction. On this occasion many devotees rendered their services for Bhumi-Daan, constreuciton, Throne, Muri etc. and obtained the pleasure of Shree Hari. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

#### Pilgrimage to Tordadham by Shree Narnarayandev Bal Mandal of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach (Bapunagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Laxmanjivandasji, trip and pilgrimage to Tordadham and Shamlaji Dham was organized for 250 children of Shree Narnarayandev Bal Mandal of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach (Bapunagar). Sadhu Dharmkishordasji and Mahapurushdasji of Approach temple accompanied the children and narrated them divine miracles of Sadguru Gopalanand Swami and inspirational Katha-varta and incidents and performed divine Darshan of Modasa templ.

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the efforts of Rupamben, Dhartiben, Hiralben and Chetnaben, beautiful Balika Shibir was organized on 21/04/2017 from morning 8.00 hours till 7.30 hours in the evening in Approach temple.

Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal (Bapunagar) had also organized trip of Torda, Shamlaji, Idar temples wherein more than 600 devotees with saints had joined. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

#### 190 Varshik Patotsav of Shree Morli Manohardev Shree Harikrishna Maharaj, Dholkadham

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj aand with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Sadguru Jagdishprasaddasi of Dholka temple, 190° Varshik Patotsav of Shree Morli Manohardev Shree Harikrishnadev Maharaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on the pius day of Vaisakh Vad-05 Tuesday.

Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan was organized on this occasion with Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Kankariadham) and Shastri Swami Ajayprakashdasji (Dholkadham) as the spokespersons.

As a part of Patotsav, Shodasopchar Homatmak Pooja of Shree Hari, Mahabhishek of Shree Thakorji, Annakut etc. were organized. On the occasion of Satsangijivan Parayan, Pothiyatra was organized from Kalikuld till temple wherein the saints and devotees participated.

During all the five days of Patotsav, saints and Mahants from various places had arrived. Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji from Gandhinagar, Sadguru Swami Krishnavallbhdasji, Shastri Swami Nautamprakashedasji

(Vadtal), Sadguru Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Raghuvircharandasji, Mahant swami Sadguru Krishnaprasaddasji, Mahant Shri Jankidasji Bapu of Kamijada the place of Saitns Shri Bhal Saheb.

Hon'ble Speaker of Gujarat State Assembly Shri Ramanlal Vora, Hon'ble Minister of Education of the Gujarat State, Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama and other dignitaries had also arrived on this occasion.

190 Varshik Patotsav of Shree Morli Manohardev Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by our future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj followed by blessing the Sabha and Annakut aarti. Host devotees of Patotsav and Katha Parayan had availed the divine benefit of Mahotsav. (Kothari Satyasankalpdasji)

#### 13<sup>₅</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Pethapur

With the blessings of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Dharmpravartakdasji of Pethapur temple, 13<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Shree Radhakrishnadev of the temple was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 07/05/2017 to 12/05/2017.

During Patotsav, 'Sneh Gita', Ratriya Katha, 13 hour Akhand Dhoon, Pushpabhishek of Thakorji, Rasotsav, Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of Thakorji and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji were performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also blessed the Sabha organized on the occasion. H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted the benefit of divine Darshan and blessings

to the ladies devotees. On this occasion, saints from Kalupur, Bapunagar, Ranjitgadh, Bavla, Bopal and Vanzar temples had arrived. Devotee Shri Gajjar Satsang Samaj, Pethapur, Pashabhai Patel (Unava), Rashmikantbhai, P.P. Joshi (Advocate), Balvantkumar Chaudhary and Rasikbhai Gajjar rendered the services as the hosts during this Patotsav Mahotsav. The Sabha was conducted by Swami Bhaktipposhakdasji (Bavla) (Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasji-Kankaria)

#### Satsang Sabha in Vedagovindpura

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Dharmswaroopdasji (Kankaria), beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized on 23/04/2017 in village Vedagovindpura for the purpose of renovation of Shree Swaminarayan temple. In the Sabha Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasjy of Kankaria teml requested all the devotees and Haribhaktas to render their beautiful services for new temple of the village. All the devotees of the village availed the benefit of beautiful Katha. (Shastri Madhavpriyadas-Kankaria)

# 6 Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya

With the blessings of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, 6° Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this occasion, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham had arrived and performed Abhishek and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. Thereafter, Katha-Vartas were performed by the saints followed by Prasad-Bhojan whose benefit was availed by all the devotees and Haribhaktas of the village and the nearby places. (Kothari Harikrishnabhai, Rabadiya)

# Shrimad Bhagwan Saptah Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vavol

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi ladies devotee Zaverba, Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan was organized from 29/04/2017 to 04/05/2017 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vavol wherein devotee Shri Patel Kantaben Vinubhai rendered the services as the host of Parayan. On 04/05/2017, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees.

On 05/05/2017 H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and performed Annakut Aarti on the occasion of Patotsav of Thakorji and blessed all the ladies devotees. During Katha-Shravan, Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Dhamsana, Chandkheda, Kalol, Ambapur, Mokhasan etc. places had arrived. (Sankhya Yogi Darshnaba-Shardaben, Ushaben, Vavol)

#### Murti Pran Pratistha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranela (Zadi Desh)

With the blessings of Parbrahma Parmatma Sarvavatari Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Bhandai Swami Suryaprakashdasji, beautiful Harimandir has been constructed

in village Ranela of Zadi Desh (Panchmahal) with the support of Haribhaktas and Shastri Swami Vishwaroopdasji. Upon completion of the temple, 'Shree Hari Aishwarya Leela' Kathamrut by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized from 23/05/2017 to 27/05/2017 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji as the spokesperson. Yagna was also organized on this occasion.

On the last day, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharj performed ritual of Pran Pratistha of Sarvopari Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev, Shree Radhakrishnadev etc. deities in Vedic tradition. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj insisted all the devotees to perform Nitya Darshan of the deities in the temple and at last blessed all the devotees. (Kothari, Ranela)

#### 12<sup>∞</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Sarvopari Shree Hari and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 12 Varshik Patotsav of Sarvopari Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharai etc. deities was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on the pious day of Vaisakh Sud-07 02/05/2017. Devotee Shri Kanubhai Dalsukhbhai Patel (Meda) rendered the services as the host of this occasion. Saints had performed Shodasopchar Abhishek, Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan and thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Annakut aarti of Thakorji.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, Brahamchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji

and saints from various places delivered their inspirational speeches followed by the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion, Shobhayatra of the divine Murti of Chhapaiyadhis Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed from the house of the host devotee Shri Vinaben Pravinbhai Bhavsar on 30/04/2017. All the saints and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of divine Darshan and Prasad on this pious occasion. (Pravinbhai Upadhyay)

# Patotsav and Satsang Sabha in villages under Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahatn Siddheshwardasji of Idar temple, following satsang activities were performed in the nearby villages.

Saints of Idar temple and narrated Katha, Dhoon, Aarti in the Satsang Sabha organized on 20/04/2017 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Fichod.

On 30/04/2017, Patotsav of Shre Swaminarayan temple, New Aroda was celebrated. Saints of Idar temple performed aarti of Thakorji and Katha-Varta.

On 01/05/2017 Satsang Sabha was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Pratappura wherein saints of Idar temple explained the importance of Shre Swaminarayan Bhagwan and performed Dhoon-Kirtan. (Kothari-Idar temple)

# Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan templ, Kadi-Naranpura

With the blessings of Parbrahm Parmatma Ishtadev Shree Hari and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Dharmswaroopdasji (Kankaria), Patotsav of Thakorji was celebrated with

great fervor and enthusiasm on 05/05/2017 in Shre Swaminaryaan temple, Naranpura (Tal. Kadi). On this occasion Mahapooja, Annakut and Satsang Sabha wer also organized wherein Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasji (Kankaria) and saints had narrated Katha-Varta and performed Annakut Aarti of Shree Hari whose divine Darshan was performed by all the devotees of the village and also availed the benefit of Katha-Varta, Mahapooja and Prasad. (Kothari-Kadi-Naranpura)

# Shrimad Bhagwat Paryaan in Navdeep Hall of Naranpura

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya mahari and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Maant Purushottamprakashdasji (Naranghat), Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) as the spokesperson from 09/05/2017 to 15/05/2017 at night from 8.00 to 11.00 hours at Naranpura Navdeep Hall. The hall was full of devotees and Haribhaktas.

During the whole Katha, the Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji (Kalupur). During Katha, Pothiyatra, Shree Krishna Janmotsav, Raas, Group Aarti etc. were performed. (Mahant, Gandhinatar temple, Sector-2)

#### 22<sup>∞</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ishwarpura and Murti Pran Pratistha Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (Ladies)

With the blessings of Sarvopari Ishatadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole

Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), 22 darshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ishwarpura and ritual of Murti Pratistha in the tmele of ladies devotees were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

As a part of Patotsav Mahotsav, Shrimad Satsangbhushan Panchanh Parayan was organized with Sadeguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) and Sadguru Shastri Swmi Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) as the spokespersons from 13/05/2017 to 17/05/2017. Pothiyatra, Shre Ghanshyam Janmotsav, Shree Hari Gadi Pattabhishek, Shree Narnarayandev Pratistha Mahotsav, cultural programme, Dharmkul Darshan, inspirational speeches of the saints, Abhishek of Thakorji, Annakut Darshan etc. were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. Beautiful Samhita Path was also organized wherein four Samhita Pathi saints and Bhudev had performed Path. Many devotees and Haribhaktas rendered their services as the host devotees of various pious occasions during this Patotsav-Mahotsav.

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced Parayan and blessed all the devotees and haribhaktas. On 17/05/2017 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed ritual of Pran Pratistha of Thakorji in the temple of ladies devotees and Abhishek Aarti of 22<sup>--</sup> Patotsav of temple of Haribhaktas and blessed all the devotees of the village.

Sadguru Kothari Swami J.K. Swami (Kalupur), Shastri Kunjviharidas (Kalupur), Jayvallabh Swami (Idar), Shastri Gopaljivan Swami (Prantij) and Sadguru Shastri Narayanmuni Swami and Shree

Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and all the devotees of the village rendered their inspirational services. (Kothari-Ishwarpura)

#### Shree Dhirajakhyan Panchanh Ratriya Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)

With the blessings of Parabrahm Parmatma Sarvavatari Shreeji Maharaj and ith the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru mahatn AShastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar-Naranghat), Shree Dhirajakhyan Panchdinatmak Katha was organized from 17/05/2017 to 21/05/2017 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2) with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) as spokesperson. Devote Shri Gitaben Mukeshbhai Patel (Mokhasan-America) rendered the services as the host devotee of this Parayan. The whole arrangement was made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Gandhinagar temple and Samast Satsang Samaj, Gandhinagar (Sector-2) was made. On this occasion Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur) and many other saints had arrived. Devotees of Gandhinagar and the nearby villages availed the benefit of divine Katha and breakfast. (Kothari, Gandhinagar temple, Sector-2)

#### Shree Hari Murti Pratistha Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya (R.C. Technical road)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant

Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Gandhinagar) and with the arrangement by Samast Satsang Samaj, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya (R.C. Technical road), Shre Hari Murti Pratistha Mahotsav of Shre Swaminarayan temple, Ghaltolidya was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 27/05/2017 to 31/05/2017.

On this occasion, Shree Dhirajakhyan Panchanh Ratriya Parayan by Sadguru Nishkulanand Kagya was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) as the spokesperson whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas. In the beginning of Katha-Parayan, Pothiyatra was organized in the evening at 4.00 hours on 27/05/2017 from the house of the host devotee of Parayan devotee Shri Kantibhai Somdas Dalal Patel. Yagna began in the morning at 8.00 hours on 29/05/2017 and concluding ritual of Yagna was performed on 31/05/2017. Nagaryatra of Thakorji was organized in the evening at 4.00 hours on Tuesday 30/05/2017. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala graced this divine occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees.

On 31/05/2017 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed ritual of Pran Pratistha of Sarvopari Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev, Shree Radhakrishnadev in Vedic tradition. Thereafter concluding ritual of Yagna and Katha was performed. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur), Mahant Balswaroop Swami (Muli) delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees. On this occasion, Medical Camp

and Blood Donation Camp were also organized. All the devotees rendered their beautiful services and obtained the pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj and Dharmkul. (Rameshbhai Patel- Dangarvawala)

#### **MULI DESH**

#### Chandan-Vagha Darshan of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj in Muli temple

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Sarvavatari Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Poojari Swami Jayprakashdasji of Shree Radhakrishnadev, Poojari Swami Ajayprakahdasji and Poojari Swami Jayprakshdasji of Shre Ghanshyam Maharaj etc. saint Mandal offered beaituful and divine Sukhad-Chandan Vagha to Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Muli temple from Vaisakh Sud-03 Akha Trij to Jeteh Sud-15 whose divine cool Darshan was performed by many devotees and Haribhaktas. Many devotees rendered their beautiful services as the hosts on this divine occasion. (Parshad Bharat Bhagat, Muli)

#### Katha Parayan in village Kherali

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Mulidham and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Premjivandasji of Surendranagar temple, Shrrimad Satsangijivan Ratriya Panchanh Parayan was organized from 25/04/2017 to 29/04/2017 with Poojari Swami Tyagvallabhdasji (Surendranagar) as the spokesperson. The benefit of this divine occasion was availed by many devotees of Kherali village and the nearby places.

Mahant Swami of Muli temple graced the occasion with Saint-mandal. The

Sabha organized on the occasion was conducted by Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji aand Kripavatsaldasji. The whole arrangement was made under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### Katha-Parayan in village Memka

With the blessings of Mulidham Nivasi Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the with of Mahant Sadguru Swami inspiration Premjivandasji of Surendranagar temple, Ratriya Katha Parayan was organized in village Memka from 03/05/2017 to 07/05/2017 with Poojari Swami Tyagvallbhdasji (Surendranagar) as the spokesperson. Katha was followed by Mahaprasad. Many saints from Muli temple had arrived. The whole programme was organized by Shree Narnrayandev Yuvak Mandal of Memka villate under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### **OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS**

#### 2<sup>--</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Parsipenny (U.S.A.) Shree Swaminarayan temple (Chhapaiyadham)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Binduraja and with the support and co-operation of Mahant Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji of Parsipenny temple and Poojari Swami Dharmviharidasji, 2<sup>--</sup> Patotsav Parsipenny temple was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on Sunday 23/04/2017 in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion Group Mahapooja was also organized.

As a part of Patotsav, Shrimad Satsangibhushan Panchanh Parayan was organized from 19/04/2017 to 23/04/2017 with Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji of Vadnagar temple as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Prahladbhai Vitthaldas Patel (Karjisan) family and devotee Shri Dipakbhai Shankarlal Patel (Nardipur), devotee Shri Paetel Darpeshbhai Kanubhai (Rajpur) rendered the services as the chief-host and co-host of Patotsav, respectively. Devotee Shri Janakbhai Babulal Patel (Uvarsad) and devotee Smt. Pushpaben Premchandbhai Patadiya rendered the services as the chief-host and co-host of Katha. Devotee Shri Hmendrabhai Jadavjibhai Moradiya rendered the services as the host of poojan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Devotee Shri Sudhirbhai Prahladbhai Patel and devotee Shri Rameshbhai Prahladbhai Patel (Rajpur) rendered the services as the host devotee of Abhishek and Annakut, respectively. Akshar Nivasi devotee Natvarlal Somdas Patel (Vadu) and devotee Shri Thakorbhai Vitthaldas Patel (Anand) and devotee Shri Ravi Hasmukhlal Patel, devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Bhaktidas Patel (Deusanawala) rendered the services as the hosts of Bhojan-Prasad. Devotee Shri Prafulkumar Ghanshyambia Patel, devotee Shri Swapnil and Nisarg, devotee Shri Maneklal Narendra Patel, devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Popatlal Kakadia, devotee Shri Bharatbhai Ratilal Shah, devotee Shri Maganlal Ambalal Patel rendered the services as the host of Dhaja. Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ranchhodlal Marfatiya, devotee Shri Himanshubhai Hasmukhlal Amin, devotee Shri Manishbhai Arvindbhai Patel, devotee Shri Govindbhai Ghanshyambhai Patel, devotee Shri Ketanbhai Baldevbhai Patel,

devotee Shri Sukhdevbhai Bhanubhai Suhagiya, devotee Shri Satishbhai Chunilal Patel, devotee Shri Kaushikbhai Dahyabhai Patel rendered their beautiful services for Ghee, Sugar, rice, pulses, garlands, vegetables, spices and minter water, respectively.

On this pious occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed ritual of Abhishek of deities and Pran Pratistha of Shivling in Vedic tradition. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Mota P.P. Swami and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vaudevcharandasji delivered their inspirational speeches. At last afte the concluding ritual of Katha, H.H. Shri Acharya Mahraaj blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

#### Murti Pratistha in Ayodhyadham Jackson Missisiipi new temple

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of Shre Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Murti Pratistha Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in our Ayodhyadham Jackson Missisipi new temple during 14°, 15° & 16° April 2017 in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya On this occasion Shrimad Maharai. Bhagwat Dasam Skanda Tridinatmak Parayan was organized with Shastri Divyaprakashdasji as the spokesperson. On this occasion, Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur), Nilkath Swami, Bhakti Swami, Mahendra Bhagat and devotees of ISSO Chapters had remained present. In the Sunday morning, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of Pran Pratistha of Thakorji followed by the concluding ritual of Yagna by offering Shrifal (holy fruit) and concluding ritual of

Katha. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, inspirational speeches of saint and honouring of the host devotees were performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints.

Poojan-archan-aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed by the host devotee family. Poojan of the saints was also performed by the devotees. Swagat of the dignitaries who had arrived on this occasion was also performed. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Annakut aarti whose divine Darshan was performed by all the devotees and Haribhaktas. (Pravin Shah)

# Shree Hanuman Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of Shre Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Divyaprakashdasji of Hyustan temple, Nilkanthdasji and Shastri Bhaktinandandasji, Shre Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours on 11 April 2017 in our Hyustan Sugarland Shree Swaminarayan temple. First of all Dhoon, Kirtan and Aayuti by the host devotees in Maruti Yagna were performed in the Sabha Mandap and thereafter Abhishek and aarti were

performed. Saints had narrated the importance of Shree Hanumanji. At last Thaal-aarti and Nitya-Niyam were performed followed by Mahaprasad by all the devotees. (Pravin Shah)

# Shre Hanuman Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of Shre Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Dharmkishordasji of the temple and Parshad Mulji Bhagat (Ayodhya temple), Shree Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours on 15° April 2017 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia. First of all, Dhoon and Kirtan were performed.

As it was the pious day of Prakatyotsav Deen of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, saints and Haribhaktas performed poojan of photo-image of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and performed Dhoon of Shree Hari. The host devotee family performed poojan-Abhishek-Aarti of Shree Hanumanji. Mahant Swami remembered a number of satsang activities initiated and done by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and narrated the importance of Dharmkul and Shree Hanumanji. At last Thaal-Aarti to Thakorji and Nitya-Niyam were peformed followed by Mahaprasad by the devotees. (Shah Pravinbhai)

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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Murti-Pratistha and granting Darshan in Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranela (Panchmahal). (2) Annakut Darshan in front of Thakorji and the host devotee family performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Sabha on the occasion of 35th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Unava. (3) Annakut Darshan in front of Thakorji and the host devotee family performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Sabha on the occasion of Patotsav of Idar temple. (4) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj granting Darshan in the Sabha on the occasion of Patotsav of Dholka temple. (5) Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar) and the host devotee family performing poojan of Vyaspith in Ghatlodiya (R.C. Technical road) temple on the occasion of Murti Pratistha.

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H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Mahabhishek of Shree Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti in Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur on the occasion of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav.

