

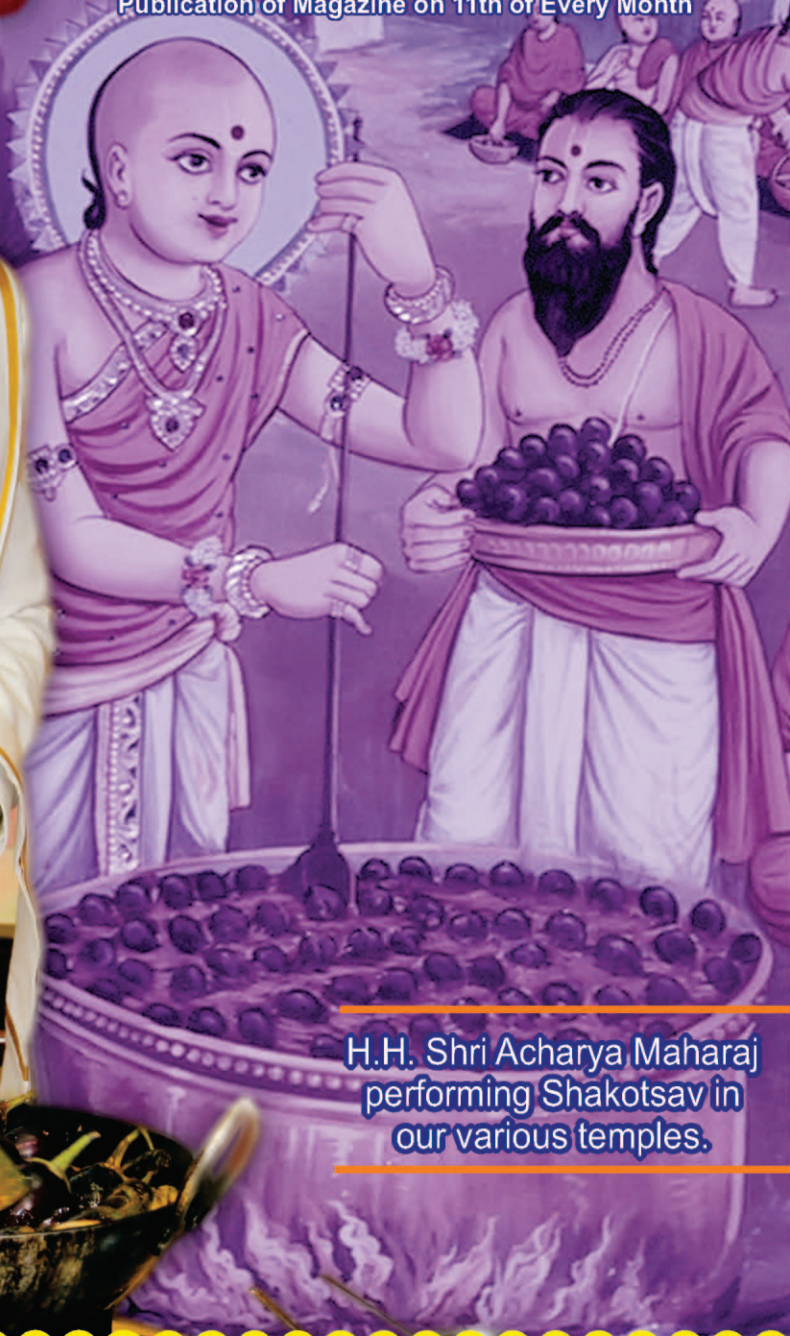
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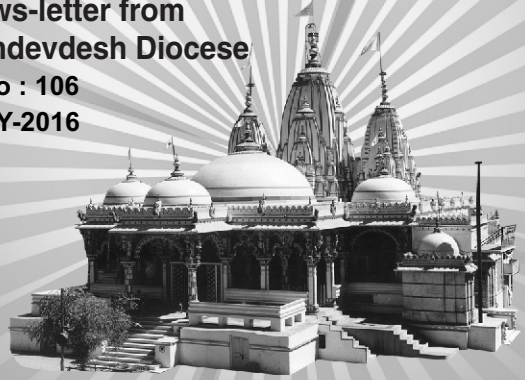
(1) Recently our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced Kachchh border. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj accompanied by the saints of Bhuj temple had visited the Border and had met the soldiers on duty, who were offered Prasad by our H.H Shri Mota Maharaj. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj provided all essential things to Kashmiri flood affected people when it was found that they have sought their shelter near Kalupur railway station and preached them the sermons of humanity. (3) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and saints performing Group aarti of Thakorji in Naranpura temple on the occasion of Shakotsav. (4) Saints and Haribhaktas inaugurating Dharmik Shibir.



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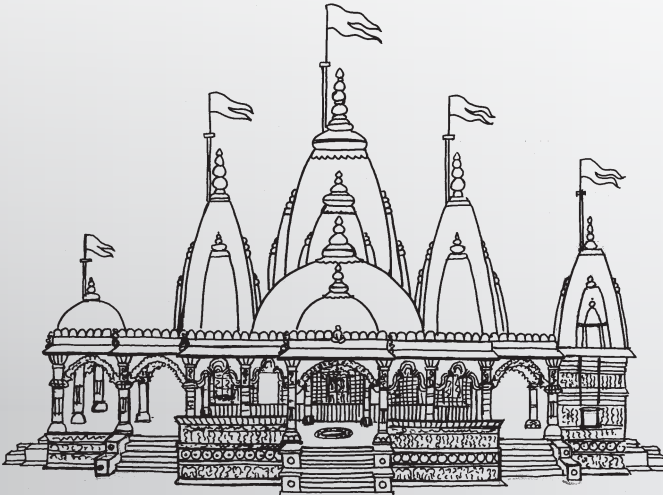
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अस्मदीयम्

Our Paramkrpalu Parmatma Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan has explained ways to become happy in this world through 212 Shlokas of the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself has written 'Shiksha Patri' for the benefit of all of us. In the Shloka-210, it has clearly been mentioned that, this 'Shiksha Patri' may be given only to those persons who are replete with Devi Sampada (noble qualities) and should never be given to those person who are devilish and evil in nature. Those persons who follow the directions contained in each and every Shloka of this pious 'Shiksha Patri' they receive divine happiness and ultimately get emancipation in this life. We are very lucky that we have taken birth in this divine Satsang and we have identified and recognized our Sarvopari Bhagwan, Sarvopari Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj in our life and therefore rest assured that, our emancipation is ensured and there is no doubt about it. Specially, all devotes and Haribhaktas should read and understand and try to imbibe the message contained in each and every shloka of pious 'Shiksha Patri'. Special sessions of reading of 'Shiksha Patri' should be conducted on the pious day of 'Vasant Panchmi'. The pious book of 'Shiksha Patri' may not be left here and there and may not be touched without taking bath. This divine 'Shiksha Patri' is Vangmay Swaroop of Swayam Shree Hari.



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**Appointment Diary of
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Maharaj 1008
Shri
Koshalendraprasadj
Maharajshri**

(JANUARY-2016)



- 1-2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Harrow (London) on the occasion of Rajat Jayanti Patotsav.
6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23) on the occasion of Bhagwat Krupa Parva.
7. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol (Bhal-Muli Desh) on the occasion of Dasabdi Patotsav.
- 8-9. Graced Bhuj (Kachchh).
10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva on the occasion of Parayan.
11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Maniyor (Idar Desh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 13 to 26. Overseas pilgrimage
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Wilsonden (London) on the occasion of Parayan. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Boston (America) on the occasion of Shakotsav. Graced Cherry Hill temple on the occasion of Shakotsav and graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Toronto (Canada).
30. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhulkot (Muli Desh) on the occasion of Shakotsav.
31. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa (Dist. Sabarkantha) on the occasion of Murti Pratistha.

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN



पंचम वार्षिकोत्सव

Pancham Varshikotsav

आमंत्राणम्

On completion of five years of our divine 'Shree Swaminarayan Museum' situated in Naranpura area of Ahmedabad wherein 1492 Things of Prasadi have been placed for divine Darshan by the devotees and all visitors, Pancham Varshik Patotsav Mahotsav has been organized on the pious day of Fagan Sud-03 11/03/2016 Friday (Shree Narnarayandev Patotsav). All devotees and Haribhaktas and Tyagis are cordially invited to avail the benefit of divine Darshan and Poojan

H.H. Shri
Mota Maharaj

H.H. Shri Acharya 1008
Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj

Future Acharya H.H. 108
Shri Vrajendraprasadi Maharaj

Programmes

Group Mahapooja
Time : in the noon
from 2.00 to 4.00 hours
Place : Shree Swaminarayan
Museum

Satsang Sabha, honour of Donors and Blessings
Time : in the evening from 4.30 to 6.30 hours
Bhojan Prasad : in the evening at 6.30 hours
Place : Gopi Party Plot,
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Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

SPECIAL DHARMAS OF WIDOWS (163-172)

Text – 163

The widowed disciples shall worship Lord Shree Krishna with the same fidelity as they would have worshipped their husbands. They shall always live under the commandment of their father, sons or other such relatives but never act independently.

Ten Shlokas of additional duties of a Vidhwa Stree (widowed women) are given. This first Shloka explains their primary duty – that is to simply worship Lord Shree Krishna in the manner they would their husband. 'They should worship God Vishnu as they would their husbands', explains Skanda Purana and others (assuming of course that they served and worshipped their husbands with the utmost faith and respect!!!)

They should never act or live independently: Acharadhyayay explains, 'When she is young, her father should protect her; when married, her husband; and when of old age – her sons. If she has no sons, then her acquaintances should protect her, but she should never be left alone and independent.' 'A Vidhva should never become independent from her father, mother, son, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law or maternal uncle. If she does then she becomes subject to slander.'

Smruti explains further that if there is nobody to protect her then the King should adopt such role and look after her. Also, 'Women should not think of living independently away from their father, husband or son. Those that do subject both sides of the family to slander and ill repute.' Manu explains, 'Women, whether of young age or old, should never act independently in the home.' Thus they should always act with

the permission and advice of those closed to them.

Text – 164

They shall never touch any male who is not closely related to them. Young widows shall never converse with any young man unless it is absolutely necessary.

After the death of their husband, such widows should observe the Vrata of Brahmcharya (strict celibacy). For this reason, the Lord has commanded here that widowed women should never touch or converse with other men who are not closely related to them. The Lord has advised in this way to protect their Brahmcharya as the Vrata of Brahmcharya is destroyed through touching, speaking or even looking at other men.

Smrutyarthasar explains, 'A widow who is subdued by lust for another male consigns three generations of her family to hell.' Manu also adds, 'A widow may observe strict fasts and weaken her body but she should also never even utter the name of another man. She should thus observe strict Brahmcharya for the rest of her life.'

In situations of emergency etc. widows may touch or speak with other men to save themselves or others from harm. She should always act in a manner that protects her Dharma.

Text – 165

Casually touching a suckling child is not an offence just as there is no offence in touching an animal. Also there is no offence in touching or conversing with an old man when it becomes necessary.

A widow may touch a child or animal, as both cases are innocent. Similarly, she may speak with an elderly gentleman (forty years

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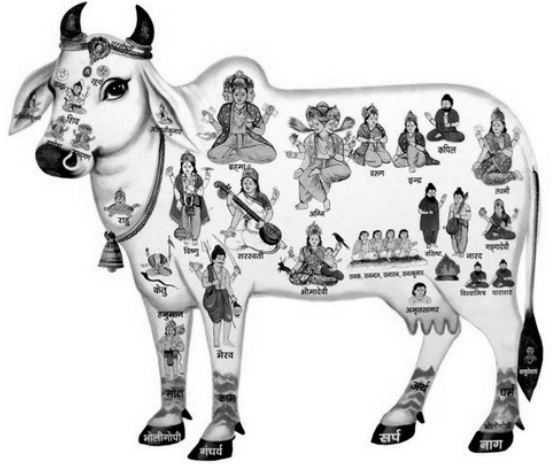
गौमाता की जय

GAU MATA KI JAY:

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

As described by Bhagwan Shri Ved Vyasji in 8th Skanda of Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapuran, Dev and Danavs performed Samudra Manthan of Kshir Sagar with the help of Mandarachal mountain and obtained fourteen Ratnas. Among these fourteen Ratnas, the first Ratna was Kamdhenu Gay (cow) accompanied by five other cows namely Nanda, Subhadra, Surbhi, Suchila and Bahula who is also known as Lokmata. These cows were offered to Rishi-Munis.

In Puranas, Gau-Mata has been described in the form of Prithvi. Simultaneously Gau-Mata is also symbol of Bhakti Tattva. All Dev-Ganas are established in Gau-Mata. The Vedas reside in all six organs. In the one root of the horn Brahmaji reside and Vishnu Narayan reside in the root of another horn. In the front portion of the horn are situated all places of pilgrimage of this Earth. In the central portion of the horn is situated Girjapati Bholanath Mahadevji. In the forehead of Gau-mata is residing Jagatjanani Devi Gauri, Kartikeya in nose, Shesh Narayan in the front part, Ashwanikumara in ears, Surya and Chandradev in eyes, Astavasu in teeth, Varundev and Saraswati in tongue, Yamdev and Yaksharaj in Mandasthala, Sandhya in lips, Indra in neck, Dharma swayam in Charan (legs), Gandharva in



Khari (hoof), eleven Arudev in Pusthabhag (back portion), Varun in Sandhiya (joints), Surya in Kesh, Manav in Kapal, Ganga-Yamuna in Gau-Mutra and places of deities are situated in all other limbs and organs. In short 33 crore divine places of the deities are situated in Gau-Mata. By performing Gau-poojan, one gets Punya of performing poojan of all the deities. Saints and Rishis are taken vow to protect Kamdhenu Gau-Mata received as a result of Samudra-Manthan. Mainly six organs of Gau-Mata are considered- Gaumay, Gorochan, Putra, Dhudh, Dahin, Ghee-very pious. From Gaumay (cow-dung) the plan of Bili developed wherein Laxmiji reside. From this Gaumay, Kamal (lotus) and Gugal were made. Milk is the meals of all deities. Seeds of all plants and vegetation of this world have originated from milk and therefore milk is essence of all Aushadhis (herbal medicines). Dahin (curd) is considered pious Aushadhi in all pious occasions. Ghee is Amrut of this Pruthvi as Ghee is produced from Amrut-Tattva which is the means of satisfaction of all Deities.

Rishi-Munis used to protect and to perform poojan of Gaupal. Bhagwan Shree Krishna used to lead the cows to the fields for grazing and therefore He became

known as Gopal. Bhagwan Shree Krishna also held Govardhan mountain and therefore He became Goksamvardhan. To take care of cows is the meaning of Govardhan; and therefore it is as difficult as lifting Govardhan mountain. In our agrarian country, each and every farmer residing in the villages takes care of the cows. But for the last few years, these people have been migrating to the urban areas and nearby cities. However, we cannot forget the fact that, our future lies only at the place where the cows reside. Sooner or later, people will have to return back to the villages from the cities. Honourable the President of India Shri Pranav Mukherjee has developed Gaushala in Rastrapati Bhavan which is matter of pride and inspiration and worthy of emulation for the whole country.

Our Rishis have been residing in Ashrams or religious places situated in the mountain regions or in the forests and have been performing Seva-Aaradhana. When these saints and Sadhus began to reside in urban areas, Gaushala, Pathshala, Dharmshala, Bhojanshala and Vyayamshala are five prime places. The places where any of these five are situated are known as religious places and Sadhus and saints have been permitted to reside in such places. In Gaushala, cows are taken care of. In Pathshala, Sadvidhya, Brahavidya and Sanskrit Vidya are taught and where there is no any type of business is known as Pathshala. In Dharmshala, all are provided temporary stay and shelter without any type of discrimination of caste. In Bhojanshala, all visitors are offered meals free of cost. And in Vyayamshala, education and facilities of physical exercise are taught.

Even today, Gaushalas are being maintained in many of our temples. In Jetalpur, our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj has started Sanskrit Pathshala in which knowledge of

Sanskrit is imparted free of cost. There is a beautiful Gaushala in the place of residence of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj situated in Memnagar area of Ahmedabad.

Gau-Daan is the Sarvashrestha (best) and Paripurna (complete) Daan. During the ancient times Gau-Daan used to be done on pious occasions and songs of Gau-Daan used to be sung during the marriage functions.

When Bhagwan Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj incarnated upon this Earth, Dhamdev Dada had done Daan of one lac Gau-matas. Nandji had also done Daan of koti Gau-Matas. The kings and emperors also used to perform Gau-Daan to the guest-visitors of their State and Kingdom. It is an opinion expressed by Vedas-Puranas and Upanishadas of Hindu Dharma that no other type of Daan is better than Gau-Daan.

Even for Moksha of those who have passed away, it is prescribed to perform Gau-poojan during funeral rituals. In Darbar of Dada Khachar situated in Gadhda, Shree Hari himself used to take care of cows.

In Shrimad Bhagwat, there is a famous story of the great devotee Dhruv, whose mother Suniti had performed Vrata of Govatsa on every Kartak Sud-12 and performed poojan of Gau-Mata and therefore Dhruv became immortal.

Whenever sinful acts of the evil and devilish people become burdensome, mother Earth goes to Bhagwan in the form of a cow. This reveals that, Gau-mata has capacity to reach upto Bhagwan. Even if we offer dry grass to the cow, the cow gives us complete meals in the form of its milk and therefore our Rishi-Munis have offered the status of 'Maa' (mother) to Gau-Mata. So every person should consider it his pious duty to perform Gau-mata poojan and should take care of the cows.

CHARAN PERFORMING AVIRAT VICHARAN

- Hajuri Vanraj Bhagat (Shree Swaminarayan Baug, Ahmedabad)

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan established two seats – Shree Narnarayandev Desh in Ahmedabad and Shree Laxminarayandev DEsh in Vadtal and established his two adopted sons as Guru of Satsangis. Seat of Shree Narnarayandev Desh was handed over to Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj. Today seventh descendant of Shree Hari Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj is as Acharya and Guru guiding us all from this pious seat.

From the childhood days as Lalji Maharaj, our present Acharya Maharaj has been performing Vicharan in Satsang and has been busy performing many benevolent acts while constantly chanting the name of Shree Hari. His head always remains bowed down at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev, while walking fast accepting with smiling face Pranam of all saints and devotees and Haribhaktas. Divine Darshan of our H.H. Shree Acharaya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj grants us divine serenity and peace of mind.

Today there are 60 temples with dome and 800 Hari-temples in our Satsang and administration of all these temples is being done under the guidance of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. It is a colossal task of running the administration and day to day affairs of all these temples which is being done by him very efficiently in accordance with the law and prevailing rules and regulations. Simultaneously, it requires efficient and effective time-management to remain present on all religious pious

occasions being organized by the saints and devotees.

Nowadays, our Satsang has developed very much even in the foreign countries and about thirty temples situated abroad have been nourishing the principles of our Sampradaya. Since the time of Rajat-Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, the whole Satsang Samaj has experienced the efficient administrative skill of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and this has been increasing day by day qualitatively as is being witnessed on every grand occasion or utsav being celebrated and for that the whole Satsang Samaj is very happy and proud.

While reading the information and details of Vicharan of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj being published regularly in our this magazine, we would realize that this great Divine Man is setting His own example in front of the whole Sampradaya. While ignoring the hunger, thirst, sleep and other physical ailments, our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj invariably remains present on all pious occasions such as Satsang Sabha, Patotsav, Mahotsav and gracing the houses of our devotees. Organizing Yuva Shibir, its management, supervision of the schools and colleges being run by the temples, Padyatra etc. is not possible without the divine blessings of Shree Hari. Thus, His divine Vicharan is the best preaching available to all of us. He has always been telling that, a real devotee should never complaint of anything and should try to do good which is possible for him.

When any saint or Haribhakta

expresses and narrates their worry or difficulty, while listening them patiently, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj assures them that He would perform prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev and would request to remove such worry or difficulty. So we always feel protected and sheltered under His auspicious presence.

The arrangement or construction of ultra-modern Museum or famous school like TERF situated in Naranpura, be it organizing Rajat-Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav or be it construction of any temple in foreign country, our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj remains present on all such divine occasions till late midnight followed by hectic next day schedule beginning with early morning Mangala Aarti and everywhere our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj remains present in time meticulously. The great example of the best time-management and self-management!!!

Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has been advising all the devotees and Haribhaktas time and again that, there should be only Narnarayandev and Bhagwan in Simhasan (throne) and there should not be any photo or Charnarvind of any other person. Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj also insists that all the saints and devotees should cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev and should bow down their heads in front of only Shree Hari.

Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj also initiated and inspired the flower-like our Shri Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj for rendering services to our divine Satsang. Our H.H. Shri Gadiwala also strictly obeys the directions of our Sampradaya and has been performing duties as Guru of ladies devotees. Mahila Sabhas have been started in each area. Like Sandhya Aarti being performed on the bank of pious river Ganga in Haridwar,

Sandhya Aarti of Narayan Sarovar has also been started in Chhapaiya. Katha-parayan with Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees as spokespersons have also been started which is receiving overwhelming response among the ladies devotees.

Till now Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Ahmedabad Kalupur temple Haveli were performing Vicharan in Auto-Rickshaw for nourishment of Satsang through conducting Satsang Sabha and sometimes they were facing certain difficulties in observing the principles of our Sampradaya. H.H. Shri Gadiwala noticed this, and got the arrangement of special vehicle made from the temple.

When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj is having red Turban – a symbol of Shreeji Maharaj - upon his head, and when H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graces such place and when H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performs Vandan, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj reverently responds to it by performing Vandan to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj not as his son but as Acharya of Sampradaya. Such a nice understanding is found in our Sampradaya only and nowhere else.

So while following the directions contained in Shloka-26 and Shloka-75 of our pious 'Shiksha Patri', we should bow down at lotus like feet of our Shree Narnarayandev and should pray for the healthy long life of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Being conscious of the directions contained in Shloka-35 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj would never get involved in self-praise and perhaps He may not like this article but I hope that all saints and devotees would appreciate my this humble effort to share my understanding about our divine Sampradaya and our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

H.H. SHRI MOTA MAHARAJ'S VISIT OF KACHCHH BORDER

- Praful Kharsani (Ahmedabad)

Nowadays, in Television we watch many people leading an immoral life and we also read such incidents from the Newspapers. But among all this, our brave soldiers are honestly performing their duties protecting the border of our Nation; and we feel greatly relieved.

Recently, our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced Kachchh border adjoining Pakistan. The whole programme was organized by Bhuj temple. Earlier H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced Vagha Border and Rajasthan Border. But this was first visit of Kachchh border. The climate is quite different at each of the places of our border.

About 30-35 saints from Ahmedabd-Bhuj temple and many other devotees and Haribhaktas had accompanied H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. There was great desert and there was no civilian human being found in the desert. During the journey there is a small temple of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj

just before the India Bridge. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed aarti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj in the temple. There are many popular talks about miracles of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj of this temple and many soldiers irrespective of their caste and religion, perform Badha of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj of this temple and upon fulfillment of their desires and wishes, they come to this temple and perform divine Darshan.

Upon reaching at the border, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj offered sweet balls to the soldiers and they were very much happy for such a noble gesture and there was overwhelming response by the soldiers with their wet eyes with pleasure. Upon return we visited Kalo Dungar where arrangement of our meals was made by Bhuj temple. Thereafter all of us visited White Desert at Ghordo. It was a memorable experience. Jay Hind... Jay Bharat...

70 Life-time Members of Shree Swaminarayan Magazine in Balva

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, 70 Life-time Members of Shree Swaminarayan Magazine have been registered on the occasion of 11th Varshik Gyan Yagna of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva. Devotee Shri Chaudhary Dhirajbhai, Chaudhary Kevinbhai, Chaudhay Jesangbhai, Chaudhary Madeevbhai, Chaudhary Dashathbai (America), Chaudhary Jesangbai, Chaudhary Ramanbai, Chaudhary Sureshbhai etc. devotees rendered the services of Rs.200/- for each member. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal).

Life-Time Members of Shree Swaminarayan Magazine on the occasion of Dasabdi Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol-Bhal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the beautiful services by the devotees Shri Kantilal Keshra Bhudiya, Fotdi (Kachchh), Deep Polymer Shri Rajnibhai, devotee Shri Rameshbhai Mevada and Ramaben Bhatt, 50 Life-Time Members of Shree Swaminarayan Magazine were registered on the pious occasion of Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol-Bhal.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna January-2016

Rs.50,000/-	One Devotee of Ahmedabad for obtaining pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Gosalia family, Gadhda.
Rs.11,000/-	Devotee Shri Dhirajbhai K. Patel-Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Minaben K. Joshi, Bopal.
Rs.5,500/-	Devotee Shri Zaverbhai Thummar, Bapunagar.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Vitthalbhai Hirabhai Patel-Jamiyatpura through Shardaben, Bhaveshbhai.

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum January-2016

03/01/2016	Akash P. Choksi, Byron.
06/01/2016	Pushpaben Pramodrai Deve family, Boston, through Salilbhai Dave.
12/01/2016	Atulbhai Ravjibhai Varsani, Melbourne (Australia).
15/01/2016	Hiraba Somdas patel, USA through Sankhya Yogi Manjuba and Bhartiba
16/01/2016	(Morning) Akshar Nivasi Navnittal Trikamlal Vandara, Navrangpura-through Urmilaben
(at 11.00 hours)	Sandipbhai Pramodbhai Bhatt, Boston.
17/01/2016	Dilipbhai Parmanand Trivedi, USA – Digesh Sudhakarbhai Trivedi, USA
21/01/2016	Kacha Tailors- Through Muljibhai, Leicester
22/01/2016	Bhavin Manji Hirani, USA- Dhanbhai Hirji Bhudiya, Fotdi (at present London) Premji Karshan Pindoria (at present London), Amrutben Manji Bhudiya (at present London)
24/01/2016	Jitubhai Kanaiyalal Bhavsar, Boston
25/01/2016	Janakkumar Gokaldas Patel, Lavarpur, through Nita Janakkumar Patel
26/01/2016	Navinkumar Ghanshyambhai Patel, USA through Prahladbhai Patel, Karjisanwala
28/01/2016	Chetnaben Sanjay Svji Pindoria (Surajpur) UK
30/01/2016	Hari Ronakbhai , Los Angeles

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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WHO ARE REAL PARENTS?

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

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त्वमेव बंधुश्री सखा त्वमेव

त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणं त्वमेव

त्वमेव सर्वं मम देव देव

Each of every Satsangi can recite this Shloka because in all our temples, saints and haribhaktas recite this Shloka in Sayam Prarthna. The meaning of this Shloka is that our Bhagwan is our parents, brother, friend, Vidhya (knowledge), Dhan (wealth) and He is everything for us. This is hundred percent true and we would understand this with this story.

This is a talk about Verval village. The nature of each and every person of this village subscribed to the meaning of this village. Lack of humility is the reason for all unhappiness. There were many such people in this village who lacked in humility.

Once Parammukta Saint Dasji Swami was returning to Gujarat from his pilgrimage to Badrikashram and Mansarovar. One evening a village during his return journey. It was becoming dark. One rude crowd was gossiping at the outskirts of the village.

While Swami Saint Dasji was passing by, this crowd believed him to be a thief and started beating him without thinking for a while that, a thief cannot be without any weapons in his hands. Swami Saint Dasji did not utter any word. But this crowd went out of control and some of the persons tied Swamiji with a rope and pelted at him. Yet Swamiji was very calm and cool.

A wild idea of chopping the legs and hands and killing Swamiji came to some persons of this crowd. Meanwhile all villagers rushed at the place to see what was happening there. However, nobody

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

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thought of stopping the crowd from doing this heinous crime.

A person of the crowd took out the sword. But Bhagwan Swaminarayan could not tolerate this much. In the form of old parents, He came with some other persons to rescue Swamiji. The moment, the person raised his sword, the old man and woman shouted at the person and stopped him. The old couple introduced themselves as the parents of Swamiji and asked the crowd to release Swamiji immediately.

Grasping the changed circumstances, the crowd released Swamiji and the old couple took away Swamiji with them from this place. Dear devotees! This old couple accompanied by some other persons were nobody else but Bhagwan Swaminarayan Himself Who protected Saint Dasji Swami.

This story has been referred to by Nishkulanand Swai in Parcha-Prakaran of 'Bhaktachintamani'. So we must remember that, if we have firm faith in our Bhagwan, our Bhagan would certainly protect us because our Bhagwan is our real Parents.

**SADACHAR –ROOT OF ALL
HAPPINESS**

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

'Shikshapatri' has not left any corner unturned for making human life systematic.

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સર્વાવતારી શ્રી ભગવાનશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણની અસીમકૃપાથી તથા અમદાવાદ શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ પીઠાધિપતિ પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય ૧૦૦૮શ્રી કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞા અને આશીર્વાદથી, ભગવાન સ્વામિનારાયણે કલ્યાણના માર્ગને સદા પ્રશસ્ત રાખવા સ્વહસ્તે ૯ (નવ) મહામંદિરોનું નિર્માણ કરીને દેવો પધારાવ્યા એમાં પણ સૌ પ્રથમશ્રીનગર (અમદાવાદ)માં મંદિર નિર્માણ કરાવી મહાપ્રતાપી શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની મૂર્તિઓ પોતાના બાથમાં લઈ “આ અમારું જ સ્વરૂપ છે” એમ કહી પધારાવ્યા. એ મહાપ્રતાપી ભરતખંડના રાજાધિરાજ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની પ્રાગટ્યભૂમિએટલે સાબરમતી ગંગાના કિનારે આવેલું “નારાયણઘાટ”

આદિ સતયુગમાં આ ક્ષેત્ર ધર્મારણ્ય તરીકે ઓળખાતું. આ નદી ગંગા કરતા પણ અનાદિ છે. જે પૂર્વકાળમાં “સાભ્રમતી” ના નામે પુરાણોમાં વર્ણવાયેલી છે. આ નદીના કિનારે ધર્મદેવ અને મૂર્તિદેવી એ તપ કરી ને ભગવાનને પુત્ર સ્વરૂપે પ્રાપ્ત કરવાનું વરદાન મેળવ્યું આ જ નારાયણઘાટમાં ધર્મદેવ-મૂર્તિદેવી (ભક્તિદેવી) થકી ભગવાન શ્રી નરનારાયણ-હરિ-કૃષ્ણ એ ચાર સ્વરૂપે પ્રગટ થયા.

આ પવિત્ર તીર્થમાં ભગવાન શ્રીહરિએ હજારો વખત સંતો સાથે પધારી સાબરમતીમાં સ્નાન કરેલું છે તથા પ્રસાદીના મહાદેવજી તથા અયોધ્યા પ્રસાદજી મહારાજે પધારાવેલ શ્રી હનુમાનજી મહારાજની પવિત્ર ભૂમિઉપર સ્થિત એક નાના હરિમંદિરના સ્થાને પૂ.અ.નિ. ગવૈયા સ્વામી કેશવજીવનદાસજીએ શિખરબદ્ધ મંદિરનું નિર્માણકાર્ય કરી આજથી ૨૦ વર્ષ પહેલા સર્વોપરી શ્રી ઘનશ્યામ મહારાજ તથા ધર્મ-ભક્તિ-હરિકૃષ્ણમહારાજની મુર્તિઓ પધારાવી. એ પ્રતિષ્ઠિત દેવોને ૨૦ વર્ષ પૂર્ણ થવાના પાવન અવસરે સાથો સાથ મંદિરનું નિર્માણકાર્ય તો થયેલું પરંતુ મંદિરની પ્રદક્ષિણાનો ભાગ - ખુલ્લો હતો તેથી ઉનાળા અને ચોમાસામાં ભક્તોને ખુબ અગવડ પડતી તેથી સૌ ભક્તોની માંગણી અને આગ્રહથી પ્રદક્ષિણાને પથરના થાંભલા - કમાનોથી સુશોભિત કરી ઢાંકવાની સાથે સમગ્ર મંદિરને બંસીપુરના લાલ પથરોથી જીર્ણોદ્ધારિત કરવાનું કાર્ય પણ આરંભ થયું તથા શ્રી હનુમાનજી - ગણપતિજીના દેરા (મંદિર) પણ નવ નિર્માણ કરી એમાં પણ નૂતન મૂર્તિઓ તૈયાર કરવામાં આવી. સાથો સાથ મહાદેવજી મંદિર સંપૂર્ણ જીર્ણોદ્ધાર, નંદ સંતોની છત્રી, રીવરફ્રન્ટ દિવાલ તથા દરવાજાનું કાર્ય પણ કરવામાં આવ્યું. આ સંપૂર્ણ જીર્ણોદ્ધારનું કાર્ય અમદાવાદ મંદિરના સૌ પ્રથમ મહંત સ.ગુ.સર્વજ્ઞાનંદ સ્વામીની શિષ્યપરંપરાના સ.ગુ.સ્વામી લક્ષ્મીપ્રસાદદાસજી (મારવાડી)ના શિષ્ય સ.ગુ.સ્વામી દેવકૃષ્ણદાસજી (કાઠિયાવાડી) તથા સ.ગુ.સ્વામી કૃષ્ણસ્વરૂપદાસજી (કાકા સ્વામી) ના શિષ્ય સ.ગુ.સ્વામી દેવપ્રકાશદાસજીના માર્ગદર્શન હેઠળ પૂર્ણ થયેલ છે. તો આ સમગ્ર કાર્યની ફલશ્રુતિ સ્વરૂપે સમગ્ર ધર્મકુળના હૃદયપૂર્વકના રાજપાથી મહાવદ-૧ તા. ૨૪-૦૨-૨૦૧૬, બુધવાર થી મહાવદ-૫ ૨૮-૦૨-૨૦૧૬, રવિવાર પર્યંત શ્રી ઘનશ્યામ મહોત્સવ ઉજવવાનું નિર્ધારેલ છે.

આ મહોત્સવના ઉપક્રમે શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગીભૂષણ પારાયણ, હરિયાગ, શ્રી હનુમાનજી-શ્રી ગણપતીજી મૂર્તિ પ્રતિષ્ઠા ઠાકોરજીની નગરયાત્રા, જીર્ણોધારીત મંદિરનું ઉદ્ઘાટન તથા મહાઆરતી, પોથીયાત્રા, અભિષેક, અન્નકોટ, અખંડ ધૂન, શ્રી ઘનશ્યામ જન્મોત્સવ, મેડીકલ કેમ્પ, રક્તદાન કેમ્પ, મહિલા મંચ, રાત્રિય સાંસ્કૃતિક કાર્યક્રમઆદિ અનેક વિધ મંગલ કાર્યક્રમોનું પણ આયોજન કરેલ છે.

આ શુભ પ્રસંગે પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી, પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી, પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી, પ.પૂ.અ.સૌ. ગાદીવાળા બાશ્રી, પ.પૂ. અ.સૌ. મોટા ગાદીવાળા બાશ્રી, પૂ.શ્રી રાજા સમગ્ર ધર્મકુળ સાથો સાથ ધામો ધામ દેશો દેશથી બ્રહ્મનિષ્ઠ વિદ્વાન સંતો, મહંતો પધારશે. તો આ શુભ પ્રસંગે દર્શન- પ્રવચન- કથા વાર્તા - આશીર્વાદ - પ્રસાદનો લાભ લઈ મોક્ષનું ભાથુ ભરવા પધારવા અમારુ હાર્દિક નિમંત્રણ છે.

કથાના વક્તા પદે સ.ગુ. શા. સ્વામી શ્રી રામકૃષ્ણદાસજી (કોટેશ્વર) તથા સ.ગુ. શા. સ્વામી ચૈતન્યસ્વરૂપદાસજી (ગાંધીનગર) બિરાજી સંગીતમય શૈલીમાં કથાનું રસ પાન કરાવશે.

લી.

કોઠારી સ્વામી બાલસ્વરૂપદાસજી તથા પૂજારી શા.સ્વામી દિવ્યપ્રકાશદાસજી,
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સમસ્ત સત્સંગ સમાજ, શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર-નારાયણઘાટ

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કાર્યક્રમની રૂપરેખા



તા. ૨૪-૨-૨૦૧૬, બુધવાર

- પોથીયાત્રા : સવારે ૭:૦૦ કલાકે
- પારાયણના યજમાનશ્રી પ.ભ. ડાહ્યાભાઈ એન. પટેલના નિવાસ સ્થાન (બી-૩૦૧, ચોથે માળે, શિલાલેખ ટાવર, શાહીબાગ) થી નિકળી કથા સ્થળે જશે.
- અખંડ ધૂન પ્રારંભ : સવારે ૮:૩૦ કલાકે
- ટીપ પ્રાગટ્ય : સવારે ૯:૦૦ કલાકે
- કથા પ્રારંભ : સવારે ૯:૧૫ કલાકે
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Talks about Sadachar (noble conduct) have been explained by Shree Hari in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and it is a great obligation upon the whole human race. Like a mother to his child, 'Shiksha Patri' teaches noble conduct 'Do's and Don'ts' to all the devotees and thereby shows the best path of life.

Purity of meals also plays a very important role in Sadachar. Nowadays, we witness various types of known and unknown diseases in the society; the reason for which is lack of Aahar-Shuddhi (proper and pure meals). People crowd the hand-cart and other public places in morning and evening for breakfast and meals. They are in fact the slaves of their tongue, which ultimately result into unknown diseases.

Now who can stop a man from doing this! We are very lucky that, just a mother warns her children, our pious 'Shiksha Patri' shows us red-light in this matter. If our meals are pure, our mind becomes pure and only pious thoughts come to our mind and such pious thoughts settle there permanently. The meals, available in the market, is prepared with a view to earning money only and therefore, a person who takes such meals becomes slaves of Rajas and Tamasi temperament. The thoughts which come to the mind of the person who prepared the meals, also have its impact upon the mind of the person who takes the meals.

If the suggestive directions suggested in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' about purity of the meals are followed scrupulously, a person can lead a pious and healthy life.

Cleanliness is also a part of Sadachar. Nowadays, we hear governing making appeals to the people for cleanliness but

before one hundred and seventy five years Shree Hari has given the directions about cleanliness in the pious 'Shiksha Patri'.

If we look at the things minutely, the human being create more garbage than the animals. And the public authorities have to incur crores of rupees for removing this garbage created by the human beings. If you look at the corners of the stair-case and corners of all big and huge buildings of the cities, you would find that even the educated people spit here and there creating unhealthy surroundings which becomes congenial for all types of contagious diseases.

Shree Hari has incorporated directions about cleanliness to save the devotees from such difficulties. If every person makes efforts for cleanliness considering it as his or her duty, crores of rupees of the Government would be saved and there could be great service to the society. People expect the happiness which comes from Sadachar but they do not want to follow Sadachar. Then how can it be possible? There is a popular saying : "બાવળ વાવીને કેરીના ફળની આશા રાખે તે કેવો ગણાય !"

We approach the doctor, doctor gives us the prescribed medicine. Now it is our responsibility to take the medicines. If our disease is not cured for want of required medicine, what can a doctor do? Similarly, our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has given various types of medicines of Dos and Don'ts in the form of our pious 'Shiksha Patri' but if we do not follow it and become unhappy then who is at fault??? So let us take vow to follow the directions about Sadachar contained in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and become happy in our life. .

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA ON THE OCCASION OF
SATSANG SABHA OF KARTAK VAD
EKADASHI, KALUPUR TEMPLE-HAVELI
'VAIRAGYA COMES IN SANSAR
THROUGH PRASAT RAAG'**

**- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-
Ghodasar**

Earlier we have seen that, we have to cherish Vairagya towards this world and Anuraag towards Parmatma. But what should be done in case of absence of both of them. In that case, we have to observe complete detachment with any person and any object of this world. Because there are two types of attachments- positive and negative. You cherish an image and thoughts of the person whom you hate that is negative attachment e.g. the enemies of Bhagwan Shree Krishna such as King Kamsa. They were busy conspiring to kill Shree Krishna and thereby their minds were constantly occupied by Bhagwan Shree Krishna but the motive and feelings were quite different. We also cherish an image and thoughts of the person whom we love and that is positive attachment e.g. Gopis of Vrundavan cherished very pious and lovable thoughts and image of Bhagwan Shree Krishna and therefore their minds were also constantly occupied by Bhagwan Shree Krishna but the motive and feelings were quite positive.

Now in order to have Vairagya towards this world, we need to abandon both types of feelings from our hearts and minds. Now it is very difficult to develop our mind to this extent. Because Maya is very powerful and even a person who is performing Mala chanting the name of Shree Hari cannot keep himself detached from the thoughts of this world. Even the Rishis-Munis who used to live in the forest could not keep complete

detachment from the Maya of this world and there are many such instances described in our Scriptures.

The roots of this world have been engraved so deeply in our personality that even while doing any religious work such as pooja-path, Dhyan, Nitya-Niyam of Bhagwan, we get reminded of our duties and responsibilities towards our family, caste, society and the workplace. So we complete such pooja-path very mechanically and expeditiously.

However, we have to remember just one thing in our mind that, Maharaj has created this world and it is not created with a view to make us unhappy in any way. There are strong currents of Maya trying to engulfing us from all around but we have to develop detachment from this Maya through Prasast Raag i.e. by performing Satsang, Bhajan and Bhakti regularly with utmost faith. This will help us purify our inner self. And this has been directed to us by our Maharaj.

So our real happiness lies in scrupulously following these directions of Shreeji Maharaj contained in our pious scriptures like 'Shiksha Patri' 'Vachanamrit' etc. Our real happiness lies in following all the directions religiously cherishing utmost faith.

CLEANLINESS AND PIETY

**- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)**

Nowadays Science has developed very much and resultantly our facilities and comforts have also increased a lot. However, with increased facilities we are also expected to observe more and more cleanliness. And we have also enhance our inner piety. The main reason for the major

diseases we find around us in this world, is lack of cleanliness and piety in the person, place and in the society.

The cleanliness is required both internally and externally. Our workplace and our house should be maintained with utmost cleanliness which can be seen by our eyes. Similarly, we also need to have cleanliness in our thoughts and feelings towards everything,

Our Eastern Culture has propagated piety and noble qualities to be developed in our life. However, due to attacks of the Western Culture, these Samskaras are at risk in today's modern life.

During the ancient times, the dress and

clothing of the people did not show any cleanliness but their hearts and minds were very simple and clean. There was sheer innocence and straightforwardness in thoughts, in language and in action of our forefathers. This is something which is worthy to be imbibed by the persons of this modern world. And maintaining cleanliness and piety are the first steps in this regard. So if cleanliness and piety of our mind and inner self are ensured we would progress very fast in our spiritual life.

So let us pray at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, we may lead our life with such type of divine cleanliness and piety.

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or over) if required. This is because the fact that the question of lustful tendencies that can arise through touch as explained by Shastras does not necessarily hold for a young child or elderly person explains Shatanand. 'Lustful tendencies arise mostly during youthful age (Yugva-Avastha)', explains Skanda Purana. Thus, those aged between fifteen and forty are most susceptible to lust.

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They shall not receive education from a male person who is not closely related to them. They shall constantly control their body and senses by observing fasts.

The first part of this Shloka is an extension of previous Shlokas in that it is there for the protection of their Brahmcharya. The second part of the Shloka explains : Vratopavasauha Kartavyo Muhurdeha Dharmastaha -. They should constantly control their body through observance of the frequent fasts and Vratas. Therefore they should observe Ekadashi Upavas as well as other Vratas such as Dharana Parana. Similarly they should perform such Vrata-Upavas as Prayaschit if they were to accidentally touch some other man. They

should thus constantly perform these rituals in order to maintain control over their body.

Nirnaysindhu of Skanda Purana explains, 'Vidhvas should not wear their hair in an Amboro (knot or plated hair at the back of the head) as it is a sign of binding to one's husband. Thus they should shave their head, keep their hair in the form of a Jatta or keep their hair without performing Sanskars. They should eat only once a day and observe frequent fasts for a month or observe the Vrata of Chandrayana. If she sleeps upon a bed then she condemns her husband to hell. She should not bathe with rich oils nor wear perfumes. She should not sit on an ox, wear a corset nor adorn herself with clothing and ornaments that are unacceptable in society.'

'She should observe additional Vratas and Niyamas during the months of Vaisakh, Kartika and Magh. During Chaturmaas and Adhikmaas, women should observe additional Vrata-Niyamas.'

Note, earlier in this quote from Nirnaysindhu – it is stated that fact that married woman should wear her hair in an Amboro as it represents her marriage and binding to her husband. It is for this reason that it is sometimes shunned in society for married women to cut their hair or wear her hair open (untied).

सत्संग समाचार

Grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple and with the guidance of Sadguru Poojari Swami Bhaktikishordasji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Shastri Naryamunidasji and with the support and services of Haribhaktas, grand Shakotsav was organized on 10/01/2016 in the pious company of Ranmahol Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. Vaghar or divine Shak was performed by the saints. Thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of divine Darshan of Shakotsav and Prasad.

(Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji)

Katha Parayan in pious company of Shree Narnarayandev

With the blessings of Shri Narnarayandev with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sasdguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, from 03/01/2016 to 05/01/2016, Shrimad Bhawat Dasm Skanda Tridinatmak Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaviharidasji Guru Mahant Shasri Swami Harikrishnadasji as spokesperson. Devotee Shri Madhuben Purushottamdas Marfatiya family (Rajpur) had rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. Saints and haribhaktas had availed the benefit of this Parayan.

(Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji)

Dhanur Maas Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, everyday after Mangala aarti in early morning at 5.15 hours, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was organized from 6.00 to 6.35 hours from 16/12/2015 to 14/01/2016. Thereafter Shree Harismruti Katha under Sadguru Nishkulanand Kavya was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) and Shastri Siddheshwardasji (Unava) and Shastri

Divyaprakashdasji as spokespersons. Large number of devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of this Katha. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services and all devotees were offered Prasad at the end of Dhoon.

During the pious Dhanur Maas, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple had blessed all devotees and insisted for rendering their beautiful services for Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav. (Kothari Swami Balswaroopdasji-Naranghat)

Sneh-Milan in Naranghat temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul, Sneh Milan of the whole Satsang Samaj was organized on 02/01/2016 by Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasi and Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) and Yuvak Mandal of Naranghat temple.

Regular visitors of temple and the devotees residing very close to the temple had availed the benefit of this Sneh Milan. Saints from Kalupur temple had arrived and narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. Thereafter, saints had made announcement of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav to be celebrated from 24 February to 28 February 2016. (Govindbhai Patel-Naranghat temple)

Celebration of grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Hariomprakashdasi of Naranpura temple and with the co-operation of all other saints and beautiful services of the Haribhaktas, grand Shakotsav was organized on Sunday 03/01/2016. First of all, in the evening at 5.00 hours Kirtankar Shri Hasmukh Patadia and Shri Jayeshbhai Soni performed Kirtan followed by Gyan-Varta by Shastri Ghanshyamswaroopdasji and Bhagwatkatha by Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham. In the evening at 6.30 hours H.. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion. Saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from various places had also arrived on this occasion. In the Sabah Shastri Madhav Swami and the host family performed Dharmkul puja

and saint-poojan. Mayor of Ahmedabad city and other dignitaries and invited guests were honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on this divine occasion. Prasad was distributed to five thousand poor people and more than twenty five thousand devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of Shakotsav. Ladies devotees and Haribhaktas of the nearby villages had rendered their beautiful services of preparing the loaves. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Vaghar of Shakotsav.

A drama entitled 'Shir Sate Satsang' was performed by Yuvak Mandal of Naranpura temple. Many young devotees had donated blood during the blood donation camp organized on this occasion. Mahant Mukund Swami of Haridwar temple, Vishal Bhagat etc. saints and Parshad Mandal had rendered their beautiful services. Services of volunteers was very inspirational. (Kothari Mayur Bhagat)

Shakotsav and Padyata by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji, divine satsang Sabha and Shakotsav were organized on 27/12/2015 and 03/01/2016 at Shreeji Farm of the devotee Shri Nagjibhai Shingalal situated at Kubadthal and at Marutinandan Farm of devotee Shri Vinubhai Padshalal situated at village Janu, respectively. Baldev Swami and Harijivan Swami and Bal Mandal of Lasundra village had performed Kirtan Bhakti and Dhoon.

As a part of programmes under 11th Patotsav of Approach temple and 5th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Museum, more than 800 saints and Haribhaktas had performed Padyatra of Shree Narnarayandev on 06/01/2016 and had performed divine darshan of Shangaar Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev on the pious day of Ekadashi.

On 10/01/2016, Shakotsav was organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nikol wherein Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Approach temple had rendered beautiful services. Moreover on the occasion of Shakotsav in village Nandol village, inspirational drama was performed followed by inspirational speeches by the saints. During the pious Dhanur Maas, kath of Shree Hari Krishna Leelamrit Sagar was narrated by the saints. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Katha Parayan by Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Sabarmati

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

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, from 08/01/2016 to 12/01/2016 Shrimad Purushottam Prakash Panchan Parayan by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized with Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur as spokespersons. All Janmotsav, Shree Narnarayandev Pratistha, Rangotsav-Rasotsav, Shakotsav, Group Aarti, Dharmkul Poojan etc. were celebrated by the host devotees. All ladies devotees performed Charan Sparsha and obtained Guru Mantra from H.H. Shri Gadiwala. (Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Sabarmati)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kochrab-Paldi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham and under the guidance of Mahant Vishwaprakashdasji of Anjali temple, grand Shakotsav was organized on 09/01/2016 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kochrab-Paldi. First of all Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Anjali temple had started Shakotsv Katha. On this occasion Shastri P.P. Swami from Jetalpurdham. Shyam Swami, Bhakti Swami, Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji from Kankaria and Anand Swami had arrived.

Alongwith the saints, the host family had also performed Vaghar of Shakotsav. Thereafter, Shri P.P. Swami had blessed all the devotees. Atlas all had availed the benefit of aarti of Thakorji and prasadi of Shakotsav. Services of ladies devotees and volunteers were very inspirational. (Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji-Anjali)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Panchdinatmak Katha explaining importance of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra was organized from 06/01/2016 to 10/01/2016 with Swami Satyasankalpadasji and Shastri Suvrat Swami as spokesperson in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar.

On the last day on 10/01/2016 Mahila Mandal had organized Mahila Shibir and Shakotsav. H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced this occasion alongwith the Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees, who had explained the importance of Bhagwan through Katha-Varta. H.H. Shri Gadiwala performed Vaghar of Shakotsav. In the noon Mahamantra Dhoon was performed from 2.00 to 6.00 hours. Shree Narnarayandev

Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had rendered inspirational services.

(Kothari Natubhai)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple,
Adishwarnagar-Naroda**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Baldev Swami and Harjivan Swami of Kalupura temple, divine Shakotsav was organized on 27/12/2015 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adishwarnagar-Naroda. On this occasion, Swami Jagatprakashdasji from Kalupur, and saints from Vahelal, Approach, Bamroli (M.P.) and Delhi had also arrived. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Katha explaining the importance of Bhagwan and Dharmkul was narrated with examples. The chief host of Shakotsav devotee Shri Atulbhai Patel (Advocate) had rendered beautiful services. Services of Yuvak Mandal and ladies devotees were also very inspirational.

(Kothari Bhikhubhai Dabhi)

**Shakotsav and Satsang Sabha in Hirawadi
area**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the arrangement of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Hirawadi area, divine fourth Shakotsav and Satsang Sabha were organized on 10/01/2016.

On this occasion Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Shastri Kunjviharidasji, Madhav Swami, Shastri Chhapaiya Swami, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat, Shastri Swami Divyprakashdasji, Gandhinagar (Sector-2), Siddheshwardasji of Unava and Dharmanandan Swami of Approach temple had arrived.

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had also graced this occasion alongwith saint-mandal. The chief hosts of this occasion were devotees Shri Parshottambhai T. Patel, Ghanshyambhai G. Patel (Viharwala) etc. all of these devotees had performed Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj by various types of fruit juices. After the inspirational speeches of the saints, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the devotees and expressed the noble idea of developing one Hari-Mandir in this area. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Vaghar of Shakotsav.

(Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

**151 Minute Dhoon in Ghatlodiya temple as
a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of
Naranghat temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H.

Shri Acharya Maharaj and the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple, 151 minute Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoonwas organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya as a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Naranghat temple (24/02/2016 to 28/02/2016) and 20th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat. After Dhoon, Shastri Divyprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji of Naranghat temple had narrated Katha-Varta. Saints had also explained the outlines of Mahotsav. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Ghatlodiya)

**Dhanur maas Dhoon in Shree
Swaminarayan temple, Pethapur**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Pethapur during the whole Dhanur Maas. Various types of beautiful Vaghas were also being offered to Thakorji. Saints and devotees availd the benefit of Mahamantra Dhoon. (Mahant Swami Dharmapravartakdas, Pethapur)

**Shree Ram Charit Manas Gyan Yagna and
Shakotsav in Balva**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham), Shree Ramcharit Manas Saptah Parayan was organized from 04/01/2016 to 10/01/2016 on the occasion of 1th Varshik Gyanyagra of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva. Brahmchari Swami Purnanandji (Jyotishacharya of Jetalpurdham) was the spokesperson of Parayan. Devotee Ganga Swaroop Shantaben Amrutbhai Chaudhary family rendered the services as the host of Katha. Devotee Shri Dilipbhai and devotee Shri Vindobhai Madhajibhai Chaudhary family rendered the services as the host of Annakut. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion on the last day and performed aarti of Thakorji and Vaghar of Shakotsav organized on the occasion. Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji Swami Vishnuprasaddasji (Adiwada) delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Saints from Ahmedabd, Jetalpur, Mahesana, Bapunagar, Gandhingar (Sector-2), Siddhpur,

Vali, Himatnagar, Prantij had arrived on this occasion.

Under the guidance of Mahant Shri K.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services. The Sabha was conducted by Mahant Brahmchari Swami Pavitrnanandji (Dharyavad). (President, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of the saints, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed during the whole Dhanur Maas in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur. In the memory of Chaudhary Jaitaba Lavjibhai, devotee Shri Menaben Gopalbahai Chaudhary rendered the services of the host of 56 Bhog Anankut offered to Thakorji on the pious day of Uttarayan. On the pious day of Chaitra sud-06 Samvat 2073 Tridasabdi Mahotsav of the temple would be celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm and as a part of the same writing of 1.25 crore Mahamantra would be completed in one year and three months. (On behalf of Satsang Samaj, Chaudhary Dahyabhai Shambhubhai, Manekpur)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, grand Shakotsav was organized on 03/01/2016 in new temple premises of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas of the nearby villages. The whole arrangement was made by Shastri Premprakashdasji.

(Rameshbhai B. Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ilol

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Premprakashdasji of Himatnagar temple, grand Patotsav was organized on 05/01/2016 upon completion of 23 years. On this occasion, saints from Siddhpur, Vadnagar, Prantij and Sapawada had arrived and had delivered their inspirational speeches. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Shastri Premprakash Swami of Himatnagar temple and Kothari Kiritbhai Patel of Ilol temple.

(Rameshbhai B. Patel)

Grand Satsang Sabha in Mota Ishanpur (Dahegam)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Shri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized at Sunday night on 11/01/2016.

This Satsang Sabha was organized as a part of 20 Sabhas to be organized as a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat. Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Shastri Kunj Swami, Harijivan Swami, Baldev Swami Paramhansa Swami etc. saints-Mandal had narrated Katha-Varta. Upon completion of Sabha, all had performed divine Darshan of aarti of Thakorji and Prasad.

(Sarpanch, Kothari, Mota Ishanpur)

Dhanurmas and Shakotsav in Vadnagar temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Narayanvallabhdasji and under the guidance of Kothari Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed after Mangala Aarti in morning at 5.30 hours followed by Prabhat Feri followed by Mahamantra Dhoon from 6.30 to 7.00 and from 7.00 to 7.15 Katha of Vachanamrit was performed. During the pious Dhanur Maas Shastri Abhishekprasaddasji and Poojari Dharmviharidasji used to offer beautiful Shangar to Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj.

On Sunday 24/01/2016, grand Shakotsav was organized at Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Vadnagar wherein Shri Somabhai Modi (elder brother of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi), President of Nagarpalika Shri Sunilbhai Mehta, Dr. Bharatbhai Patel, Modi Rajubhai S. were honoured by Mahant Swami and trustee Mandal of the temple. More than 1500 devotees availed the benefit of this Shakotsav.

Shri Somabhai D. Modi and trustee of temple devotee Shri Navinchandra M. Modi had delivered their speeches on this occasion. Devotee Shri Kalidas Patel, Hamukhbhai Bhavsar, Gunvantlal Bhavsar, Budhalal Patel and Trustee Mandal had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Kothari Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji.

(Poojari Dharmviharidaji-Vadnagar)

Celebration of Shakotsav in Vavol village

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

Mahant Shri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar Sector-2 temple, Shakotsav was organized in the morning on 09/01/2016 by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal with the support and services of the villagers. Large number of devotees availed the benefit of Katha-Varta organized on this occasion.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion Shastri Kunj Swami had narrated beautiful Katha. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal were inspirational. (Shastri Chaitanya Swami-Gandhinagar)

Saptah Parayan and Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), Shree Dhirajakhyan Shastra Saptah Parayan was organized from 27/12/2015 to 03/01/2016 followed by grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera. For the last ten years Katha and Shakotsav are being organized in the temple during the pious Dhanur Maas.

Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Prahladbhai Mukhi family through devotee Shri Rohitbhai rendered the services as the host of Katha. Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) was the spokesperson of Katha.

Among the saints, Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had graced the occasion and performed Vaghar of Shakotsav.

About more than 9000 devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of Shakotsav. The Sabha organized on the occasion was conducted by Shastri Kunj Viharidasji. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal were inspirational during the whole programme. (Kothari-Motera)

12 Hour Mahamantra Dhoon in Mubarakpur village

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under the guidance of the saints, on the pious day of Uttarayan on 14/01/2016, 12 hour Mahamantra Dhoon was organized from 6.00 hours in the morning till 6.0 hours in the evening in village Mubarakpur upon completion of the pious Dhanur Maas.

Mahant Shri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple and Shastri Chaitanya Swami had arrived on the occasion and explained the importance of Uttarayan and Swaminarayan

Mahamantra in the Sabha organized on the occasion and also performed Sandhya Aarti of Thakorji. (Gordhanbhai Patel, Mubarakpura)

Celebration of Shakotsav in village Dharampur (Gandhinagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) grand Shakotsav was organized on 09/01/2016 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dharampur.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion Kirtan Bhakti and Katha-Varta etc. were performed by the saints. Among the saints Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar), Shastri Siddheshwardasji (Unava) and Hariprakash Swami had narrated Katha about Suddha Upasana of Sarvopari Shree Hari whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Services of the young devotees and ladies devotees were very inspirational.

(Kothari, Dharampur)

Shakotsav in Anandpura (Kadi)

With the direction and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Shastri Siddheshwardasji, beautiful Shakotsav was organized on 13/01/2016.

Mahant Shri P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Paramhamsa Swami and Ghanshyam Swami (Kalyanpura) had narrated Katha explained the importance of Shakotsav whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees. (Kothari, Anandpura)

Celebration of grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)

In the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami of the temple and with the support and services of the devotees, grand Shakotsav was organized in the evening at 5.00 hours on Sunday 10/01/2016.

Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Rambhai Patel (Tejpurwala) family rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Vaghar of Shakotsav. Among the saints Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees.

More than 8000 devotees of 48 villages availed the benefit of divine Darshan, Katha and Prasad of Shakotsav on this pious occasion.

Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal were very inspirational during the whole programme. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Chaitanya Swami. (Ghanshyambhai Bhanderi, Gandhinagar)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dehgam

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami and Kothri J.K. Swami, grand Shakotsav was organized on 16/01/2016 by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.

In the beginning, Kirtan-Bhakti were performed by Yuvak Mandal followed by Katha-Varta narrated by Shastri Vishwavihari Swami, Shastri Chhapaiyaprasad Swami, Shastri Kunj Swami and Shreeji Swami. The elder saints had performed Vaghar of Shakotsav. Large number of devotees and Haribhaktas of the nearby villages availed the benefit of Shakotsav. Kothari Harshadbhai, Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had rendered their beautiful services. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Gandhinagar).

(President, Yuvak Mandal, Dehgam)

Celebration of Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Panchvati-Kalol

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) and under the guidance of Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji (Kalol-Anjali), beautiful Shakotsav was organized on 12/01/2016.

Initially Kalol Yuvak Mandal performed Kirtan-Bhakti followed by the inspirational speeches by the saints. Our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj graced this occasion whose poojan-archanaarti were performed by the host family. Thereafter H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Vaghar of Shakotsav and all devotees and Haribhaktas were honoured. Services of Yuak mandal and Mahila Mandal were also praised. Saint from Kalpur, Jetalpur, Kalol, Mahesana, Muli (Sayla, Siddhpur, Vali, Anjali etc. places had also arrived on this occasion. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Shri K.P. Swami, V.P. Swami (Mahant and Mahant Shree Naranprasad Swami etc. saint-mandal of Jetalpurdham. Many devotees and Haribhaktas rendered their beautiful services

for construction of temple of Panchvati area of Kalol. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Panchvati-Kalol)

Celebration of Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Delwada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdaji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham grand Shakotsav was organized on 03/01/2016. At night on 02/01/2016 Yuvak Mandal of Ghanshyamnagar (Patel), Manekpur had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. Learned saints had performed Vaghar of Shakotsav. Shastri Bhaktinandandaji (Jetalpur) had narrated katha about importance of Shakotsav. After the honour of the host devotees, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji blessed all the devotees. Saints from Kalupur, Jetalpur, Mahesana, Anjali, Kankaria etc. temples had arrived on this occasion. During the whole programme, the services of Mahila Mandal and young devotees were very inspirational. All devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad.

(Patel Vasantbhai, Delwada)

Grand Shakotsav for the first time in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mota Ubhada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, divine Shakotsav was organized for the first time in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mota Ubhada (Tal. Mandal) on 04/01/2016. Saints from Jetalpur, Kalupur, Anjali etc. temples had arrived on this occasion.

Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji had explained the importance of Shakotsav. Thereafter, the saints had performed Vaghar of Shakotsav. At last all the host devotees were honoured. Large number of Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees had also remained present on this divine occasion. (Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji-Anjali)

Grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and under the inspiration and guidance of the whole Saint-Mandal of Jetalpurdham, grand Shakotsav was organized on 16/01/2016 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal. Many devotees had rendered their beautiful services

on this occasion. Shastri Bhaktinandandasji had narrated beautiful Katha. Saints from Jetalpur, Mahesana, Anjali etc. temples had arrived on this occasion. Devotees of Mandal, Ser, Vanod, Trent, Sitapur, Nana Ubhda, Mota Ubhda etc. villages had availed the benefit of this Shakotsav. Services of ladies devotees and Yuvak Mandal were very inspirational on this occasion. Services of the devotees, who have been rendering their beautiful permanent services during the whole pious Dhanur Maas were also praised on this divine occasion.

(Kothari, Mandal)

Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Langhanaj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed by ladies devotees of Ghanshyam Mandal of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Langhanaj in the morning from 6.00 to 6.30 hours during the pious Dhanur Maas. On every Ekadashi, special Bhajan-Kirtan are being performed by the ladies devotees in the noon from 3.00 to 5.00 hours. (Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal, Langhanaj)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23)

On the pious day of 06/01/2016, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced in the morning Sabha of Dhanur Maas in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23) and had performed aarti of Thakorji. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the leading devotees performed aarti-poojan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha and explained the importance of Ekadshi. Large number of devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of this divine occasion. [Kothari, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23)]

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Swami Pranjivandasji, beautiful Shakotsav was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij.

Saints from Surendranagar, Muli, Ratanpar, Himatnagar, Gandhinagar and Pethapur etc. temples had arrived on this occasion and narrated the katha about importance of Shreeji Maharaj and Dharmkul. Devotee Shri Kanubhai Pandya rendered the services as the chief host of the whole programme which was organized by Shastri Gopaljivandas.

151 minute Dhoon as a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Shri Naranghat temple

As a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Shree Naranghat temple, saints and haribhaktas of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij had performed 151 minute Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon. Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji and Gopal Swami had arrived from Naranghat temple and had narrated beautiful Katha.

(Dinesh Bhagat, Manan-Prantij)

Celebration of Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Mahara and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Mahant and Shri P.P. Swami of Jetalpur) and under the guidance of Mahant Swami Narayanprasaddasji of Mehsana temple and Shastri Uttampriyadasji, divine Shakotsav was organized on 10/01/2016 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana. Saints had performed aarti and Thakorji and Vaghar of Shakotsav. Many devotees had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. After the inspirational speeches by the saints, benefit of Prasad was availed by all devotees.

(Shastri Bhaktinandandasji, Jetalpur)

Programmes organized as part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav and 20th Patotsav of Naranghat temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Mahara and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar), 151 minute Mahamantra Dhoon and Padyatra were organized in the following villages:

1) Padyatra from Naranghat to Kalupur temple

Mahant Swami Saint-Mandal and Shree Narnarayandev Yuak Mandal and large number of devotees and Haribhaktas performed padyatra from Naranghat temple upto Kalupur temple during the pious Dhanur Maas and performed divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev. (Sudhirbhai Patel)

2) 151 Minute Dhoon in Karshanpura village

All ladies devotees and Haribhaktas of the village Karshanpura had performed 151 minute Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon.

(Shastri Divyaprakashdas, Naranghat)

3) 151 Minute Dhoon in Hirawadi temple

All ladies devotees and Haribhaktas of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hirawadi (Ahmedabad) had performed 151 minute Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon. Shastri Divyaprakashdas of Naranghat and Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Gandhingar (Secto-2) temple had arrived on this occasion and had narrated Katha-Varta, whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees.

(Kaushikbhai Patel, Hirawadi)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Purnaprakashdasji of Dholka temple, Satsang Sabha is being organized at houses of devotees and Haribhaktas of Dholka on every fortnight by Shree Narnaryandev Yuvak Mandal. Saints narrate Katha-Varta in the Sabha followed by Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan.

(Rakeshbhai Soni, Dholka)

Murti-Pratistha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aakrund (Tal. Bayad)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahatn Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji of Mathura temple, Murti Pratistha Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aakrund was organized on 13/12/2015 with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this occasion Tridinatmak Mahavishnu Yaag, Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda Tridinatmak Prayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) as spokespersons. Saints and Mahants of temples of various places had arrived on this occasion and had delivered their inspirational speeches. Nagar Yatra of Thakorji was also organized in the village whose benefit was availed by all the villagers. Poojari Vihweshwardas and Kothari Brahmvihar Swami of Charadava and Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services for Shangaar-Annakut in front of Thakorji.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of Pran-Pratistha of Thakorji, concluding ritual of Yagna and Katha. All the host devotes were honoured by offering shawl to them on this pious occasion. Shri Devendra Patel (Journalist of Sandesh newspaper) had delivered his speech on this occasion. Saints from various places had also delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees.

During the whole programme, Kothari Swami Sarveshwardasji of Mathura, Kothari Premjibhai, Salilbhai, Chandreshbhai, Dineshbhai and many other devotees of Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services. Devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai Patel delivered the vote of thanks. (Kothari Sarveshwardas)

Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala and with the pleasure and blessings of the whole Dharmkul andwith the inspiration and guidance of Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Mahant) and Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham and with the noble concept of poojari Sankhya Yogi Babuba Guru Sankhya Yogi Maniba of Kaliyana temple (ladies), 12 hour Mahamantra Dhoon and Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan etc. were performed on the divine occasionof Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Kaliyana. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed aarti of Thakorji in both the temples and had also performed aarti of Shree Annapurneshwar Mahadev alongwith Swagat of 101 young devotees of motorcycle rally.

In the sabha organized on the occasion, Kothari, Sarpach and elder devotees of the village performed aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Mahant Shri Hariom Swami of Naranpura temple had praised the services rendered by the whole village on this divine occasion. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the sabha. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. Many devotees and Kotharis of various places had availed the benefit of this divine occasion. (Arjanbhai G. Mori)

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Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol (Bhal)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Swami Dharmswaroopdasji (Nathdwara) and Hajuri Parhad Vanraj Bhagat and with the support and services of all the devotees, Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol (Bhal) was organized with great fervor and enthusiasm from 03/01/2016 to 07/01/2016.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangivan Panchanh Paryaan was organized from

03/01/2016 to 07/01/2016 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Nathdwara) as spokesperson. Grand Pothiyatra was also organized on 02/01/2016 from Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) to the place of Mahotsav. Satsng Mahila Mandal of Balol village had rendered the services as the chief host. In the Vyakhyanmala organized in the evening from 03/01/2016 till 06/01/2016, Shastri Swami Uttampriyadsaji (Mahant of Charadava), Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Mahant of Morbi), Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Mahant of Dholera) and Shastri Swami Vishwavihardasji (Ahmedabad) had narrated beautiful speeches as per the topics decided. H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had also arrived and blessed all the ladies devotees.

On the last day H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj and performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji in both the temples and graced the house of the host devotee Shri Kesubhai Kanabha Sindhav and thereafter graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. On this occasion all disease Diagnosis Camp was also organized. More than 100 saints from various places had arrived on this divine occasion.

During the whole programme, Sabhapati Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Mahant of Makanpar) had conducted the Sabha very beautifully. All the devotees of the village had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. (Madhav Swami- Ahmedabad)

Grand Shakotsav at Gyan-Vav (Step well) of Mulidham

With the direction and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings and pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shyamsundardaji of Muli temple, grnd Shaakotsav was organized at Gyan-Vav of Prasdi on 17/01/2016 by Surendranagar temple.

On this occasion Shastri Ghanshyam Swami, Balu Swami, Mahant Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Morbi), K.P. Swami and Mahant Swami of Mulidham had narrated Katha-Varta narrating the importance of this Place of Prasadi of Gyan-Vav. Many Haribhaktas of various places and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from Surendranagar, Limbid, Morbi and Dhrangadhra had also arrived on this divine occasin. Under the

guidance of Krishnavallbh Swami , Vraj Swami, Gyan Swami, Harikrishna Swami and Bharat Bhagat had rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen. The sabha was conducted by devotee Shri Shailendrasinh Zala. Thousands of devotees availed the benefit of Shakotsav organized on this divine occasion.

(Shailendrasinh Zalal)

Satsang Sabha at Suryanagar (Halwad)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Satsang Sabha was organized on 23/12/2015 at Suryanagar village under Shree RAdhakrishnadev of Mulidham as a part of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav of Naranghat temple. Mahnt Shri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji etc. saints had explained the outline of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav. Thereafter aarti of Shree Hari was perofmed at last all devotees availed the benefit of Prasad.

(Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Gandhinagar)

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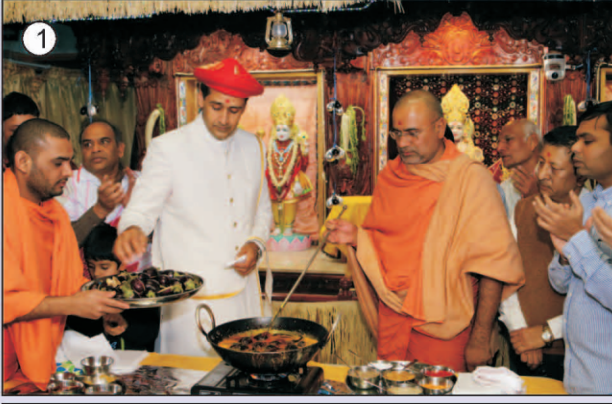
With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Yagnaprakahdasji and Poojari Swami Shantiprakashdasji of Chicago temple, Dhoon Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm during the pious Dhanur Maas. Many devotees availed the benefit of Satsang Shibir organized by the temple.

With the inspiration of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahant Swami, Katha-Kirtan-Bhajan-Dhoon etc. were performed during the whole pious day of Uttarayan. At last saints had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Devotee Shri Harikrishnabhai, Hiren Patel, Mitul Rao, Vivek Brahmabhatt, Jagdishbhai Patel and many other ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion.

(Vasant Trivedi)

For information to all Satsang Samaj

It is hereby informed to the whole Satsang Samaj that, henceforth Aksharvaas column would not be published from the current issue of February-2016 magazine onwards, which may please be noted. – By order.



(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Shakotsav in front of Thakorji in our Toronto temple alongwith Shri P.P. Swami. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj alongwith Shastrri Swami Harikeshavdasji releasing 'Vachanamrit Drastant Katha' book in our Gandhinagar Sector-23 temple on the occasion of Bhagwatkrupa Parva. (3) H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji on the occasion of Dasbdi Mahotsav of Balol (Bhalt) temple. (4) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the Sabha in Naranghat temple on the occasion of Sneh Milan alongwith Mahant Swami of Kalupur and Naranghat temple. (5) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj alongwith the host devotee performing poojan of Vyapith in village Motera on the occasion of Dhirajakhyan Katha. (6) Saints in the Sabha organized in Naroda Adishwamagar temple on the occasion of Shakotsav.

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