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(1) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj offering blessings and offering consolation to an old devotee alongwith saints of Bhuj temple in Medical Camp organized on the occasion of Patotsav of Bhuj temple. (2) A long queue in the temple and people availing the benefit of Medical Camp. (3) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and British High Commissioner on the occasion of Medical Camp. (4) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing tree-plantation in Shree Swaminarayan Museum on the occasion of His Prakatya-Deen. (5) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj relishing classical music in Shree Swaminarayan Museum. (6) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj observing P.S.M. Hospital of Shree Narnarayandev Desh situated at Kalol. (7) Saints of Jetalpur and Anjali temple performing Abhishek of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Merani Muvadi (Panchmahal) temple.

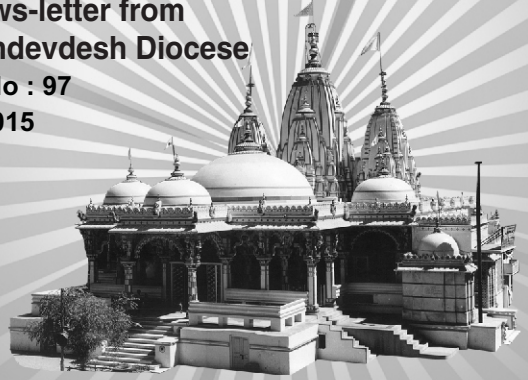




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# अस्मर्षयस्

Nobody can comprehend divine Leela of Parmatma. With just a blink of eye of Bhagwan, the whole universe is shaken. Such omnipotent is our Istadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, who is Adhipati of such Koti Brahmands. Bhagwan always helps His devotees and saves them in whatever natural calamity.

The only Hindu nation of the world-Nepal- is our neighbor country. In Pulhashram Tirth of Muktinath Bhagwan, our Istadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan had performed austere Tapa-sadhana as Nilkanth Varni wearing a Kopin in bone freezing cold. In the morning at 11.30 hours on 25/04/2015, earthquake with magnitude of 7.9 shook this small Nepal country. Many Gujarati visitors of our State who had been there at that time, have returned back safely.

People of our country have offered a river of assistance of various types to the earthquake-affected Nepalese. Thousands of people have died and many more have lost their families and houses. Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj have prayed at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev for normal life in Nepal.

It is an humble prayer to Shree Hari that, we all may share the woes and misery of the people of Nepal.

Editor  
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Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas



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

(April-2015)

18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip.
19. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vaktapur on the occasion of Patotsav.  
Graced the village Motera in the evening.
20. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Dharivavad (Rajasthan) on the occasion of Dasabdi Mahotsav.
21. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Unava on the occasion of Patotsav.
22. Graced Bhuj (Kachchh).
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa on the occasion of Patotsav.
25. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar.
26. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj.
27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ambala (Kachchh) on the occasion of invocation of idol images.
28. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anandpura (Dangarva).
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vapa (Rajasthan-Vali Desh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
30. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Laloda (Idar Desh) on the occasion of Patotsav.

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# Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

## SPECIAL DHARMS OF GRIHASTAS (HOUSEHOLDERS)

### Text – 138

**They shall welcome and entertain anyone who comes to their house as a guest with food, drink, etc., according to their means. They shall perform with due respect, sacrificial rites to deities and oblatinal rites to ancestors, according to their ability.**

All should treat an Atithi (guest, stranger or anyone who comes to you for help or support) with due respect. The word Atithi literally means one who comes at an unspecified or unfixed time. Thus anyone who comes to you abruptly or comes for food or water should be welcomed. Here Shatanand explains that Atithi corresponds to a 'Bhikshuka'.

Skanda Purana explains, 'The following six are Dharma Bhikshukas: (1) one who crosses your path, (2) somebody who is weak, (3) a student, (4) one who looks after a Guru (5) a Sanyasin (renounced person) and (6) a Brahmchari (celibate)'. Thus such persons should be given food and water and welcomed according to one's ability.

Shatanand explains 'Abhyarchaha Abhivandanpurvakam Santoshariya ltyartha – they should be made welcome by greeting such person with Namaskar. Kashi Khanda explains, 'The Punya obtained by donating cows (Godaan) is obtained by merely according a warm

welcome to a Bhikshuka and offering food, water, shelter and the like.'

Parashar Smruti explains, 'Those who have welcomed an Atithi with love have pleased God.' Shrimad Bhagwt also explains, 'Those houses, whose water, door mat, land, owner and servants have enterianed righteous men- even though they are poor, are lucky as they are destined for fortune.' It is also said there, 'Houses that have never been blessed by the dust from the feet of God's Bhakas are no more than mere trees for snakes to reside within, even though such house may be prosperous with fortune.

Those house that have never offered even water to Atithis are like houses frosted over by the cold seasons.' Those who do not welcome Atithis are consigned to Paryavartan hell, where they are subjected to such intense pains as having their eyes pierced by birds.' Those Atithi who leave without proper welcome take away with them the Punya accrued by that household.' Shanti Parva explains, 'Even one's enemy should be welcomed, should he come for shelter.'

Secondly, rites pertaining to Gods-Deva Karma should be performed to Brahma and other Gods. Tarpana (ceremonial offerings of water), Vaishvadeva and other such rituals should be performed. Similarly, rites pertaining to one's ancestors- Pitru Karma should be performed. These include Tarpana and



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Shraadh.

These Pitru Karmas should be performed according to whether one's father has passed away or is living and according to the health of their father Smruti explains, 'Those with foolish intellect, who do not perform Deva and Pitru Karmas according to their wealth will without a doubt, end in Rairav Narak (a particular type of hell).

In general terms, Deva Karma includes Poojan and is performed in order to please God. Shraadh is derived from the word Shraddha (faith). Therefore, it is the act of offering something with faith to one's ancestors. By so doing, the ancestors receive the fruits of such action and in return we receive their blessings.

Therefore by performing such rituals or by donating money in the name of parents/ forefathers, the fruits of such action is reaped by the ancestor giving them a better future in the after world and we are given blessings by them which will benefit us in this world.

### Text – 139

**My disciples shall render life long services to their parents, Guru and ailing persons according to their ability.**

***Yavajjivan Cha Shushrusha Karya***

***Matuha Piturguroha |***

***Rogartasya Manushasya Yathashakti***

***Cha Mamkauha ||139||***

One should offer life long service to their mother-Matuha (one who gives birth to them), their stepmother, their father-Pitura and their Guru/Acharya. Manu explains, 'The pains suffered by a mother and father through the birth of a child cannot be repaid in even a hundred years. Therefore service to one's parents and

Acharya should be performed eagerly with affection. The happiness of these three persons fulfills all penance and austerities. Indeed service to them is the greatest of austerities. They are worthy of service, as they are Veda-Rupa and Agni-Rupa.'

Bhagwat Purana explains, 'Those who do not serve or look after their elders, parents, righteous women, young children, Guru, Brahmin and one who comes to them for shelter are considered as corpses 3even though they are living-should they have the wealth and ability to do so.'

The Devas have explained – Putranaam Hi Paro Dharmaha Pitrushushrushanam Sataam – 'A child's highest duty is to serve his mother, father and Sat Purushas (righteous people).' Skanda Purana further explains the consequences of not serving. 'One should serve their mother, father and Guru daily with great faith according to their means. Those who do not are sent to Rairav Narak (a hell).'

One should also serve those who are ill or downtrodden. Parashar Smruti explains, 'One should always have compassion for those inflicted by pain through illness, fire or weaons. They should be served daily according to their ability by offering food, water, medicine etc.' Yagnavalkya adds, 'To serve the sick is equivalent to donating a cow (Godana).' 'To massage the feet of the tired, to serve the sick, to worship the Devas, to wash the feet of Brahmins and t pick up the plate used by a Brahmin after he has eaten, results in the Punya derived from donating a cow.'

This is very important Shloka of the Shikshapatri. It is one of the pillars of our



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Hindu Sanatan Dharma. To serve one's parents until that day when they breathe their last breath is one of the most important duties of man. This is the essence of our Hindu Dharma that preaches service and compassion.

Shastras explain that all righteous acts are rendered futile if one does not ultimately serve their parents. Serving one's parents is a way in which we can also serve God, as one of the nine types of Bhakti- 'Pada Sevanam' is quite simply service to one's parents, elders, Guru and saints. It is said that service to one's parents is alone service to the 330 million Devtas (Tentris Karore Devta). Furthermore it is written that God is unwilling to accept the worship offered by those who fail to worship their parents.

Lord Shree Krishna has said, 'This human body which is able to realize the four Purusharthas, who have been brought into this world, looked after, cherished and cared for by the love and devotion of their mother and father, such love by parents should never be forgotten. Those who have been blessed by their parents through service unto them receive the favour of God.' Therefore we should be ever grateful to such loving parents.

We only have to look at the life of Lord Shree Rama to understand the duties of a son, who has willing to leave the kingdom without question due to mother Kaikeyi's wishes. Not forgetting Lord Swaminarayan himself who was so eager to leave his home and take up asceticism but would not do so until he completed his service to his parents. Shreeji Maharaj is not merely saying this but is also setting his own example. He rendered services to Gopal Yogi, Ramanand Swami and other senior

saints of the Sampraday such as Muktanand Swami. Thus showing examples of he himself serving a Guru. Furthermore to highlight examples of Maharaj serving the ailing, we can see from scriptures of the sampraday, how he served Sadhu Sevakram and Parshad Bhajuji.

Lord Swaminarayan here specifically mentions parents, Guru and the ill. Why we should serve our parents is obvious but why service to one's Guru? A Guru is considered as our second mother. The first mother gives birth to our physical self, where as a Guru gives birth to our mental self. The Guru is the guiding hand that sees us through a spiritual and righteous life by developing the soul, mind and intellect. It is he who develops our true self and instills faith and devotion to God within us. for this reason, life long service to one's Guru is also necessary.

In conclude by mentioning that very famous Shloka :

Matru Devo Bhava – Pitru Devo Bhava |  
Acharya Devo Bhava – Atithi Devo Bhava  
||

The Upanishads command, 'Mother, father, Acharya and stranger (or guest) should be served and honored as Gods.'

It is disheartening to see that many children do not serve their parents in this manner and often fall out into arguments resulting in children renouncing their parents or even being abusive towards their parents. The debt owed to parents is so great that it is cannot be repaid and so we should strive to serve them as much as we can- without question or excuse. The joy of one's parents is ultimately the joy of God.

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## SHIKSHA PATRI IS SUDARSAN CHAKRA

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas  
(Jetalpurdham)

'Shiksha Patri' is an approved authentic scripture of Shrimad Uddhav Sampradaya established by Sarvopari Sarvavatari Shree Sahjanand Swami. In this small creation, Mahaprabhu has explained the easiest ways to obtain Param Siddhi of all four Purusharth of Dharma, Artha, Kam and Moksha. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi Maha Sud-5 Samvat 1882, Shreeji Maharaj Himself has written this pious 'Shiksha Patri' and has granted greatest mercy to all. It is in fact essence of all the Shastras, Vedas and Puranas and Upanishads. For the protection of ardent devotees, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has granted this Sudarshan Chakra with 212 Chakras in it. These Chakras, if followed scrupulously in life, protects devotees from all types of inner and external enemies. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has entrusted the responsibility of protection of devotees with Shiksha Patri. Kuldevta Hanumanji comes on request whereas Shiksha Patri remains Akhand and comes for the rescue of the devotee. A devotee who followed the rules prescribed in 'Shiksha Patri' never faces any difficulties in his life. And those who perform poojan-path-Purah:scharan of Shiksha Patri and those offer alms as prescribed therein are always protected by

'Shiksha Patri' like Sudarshan Chakra.

Geeta Bhagwat are considered ideal form of Bhagwan Shree Krishna. Similarly 'Shiksha Patri' is ideal form narrated by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. By offering the easiest way to the devotees to achieve emancipation in life, 'Shiksha Patri' has also offered a clear message and principle for the whole world and there is no any such Granth in this world. The first two lines "Likhami Sahajanand Swami....." also gives clear assurance that Bhagwan Himself is writing this and there is no other interpretation by anybody. In this article, we do not want to discuss the directions contained in this pious 'Shiksha Patri'. But it has been mentioned in first Vachanamrit of Gadhada First Chapter as to what achievements and protection we may have by believing and worshipping this 'Shiksha Patri' as ideal to be respected from the bottom of our heart.

Oh devotees, when Shree Hari is very much pleased by merely believing and accepting reading-listening and performing poojan of pious 'Shiksha Patri', how happy and pleased Shree Hari would be upon the devotees who read, listen and perform poojan of this pious scripture!!! Those who do all these ardently with utmost faith, Shree Hari embraces them and offers

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Charanarvind in their hearts! Such a divine benefit is granted to the devotees. Sometimes, due to lethargy and lack of knowledge, one misses to avail such a benefit. So one should invariably read five or twenty five Shlokas with concentration and should perform poojan.

Directions contained in 'Shiksha Patri' should invariably be followed and its pathan-pooja should also be performed. Those who perform pathan-poojan of 'Shiksha Patri' are always protected by Sudarshan Chakra-like Shiksha Patri. In size 'Shiksha Patri' is very small but it is of great importance. It is very easily available in Satsang but is Pathan-poojan is durlabh (very rarely available). 'Shiksha Patri' is Vangmaya swaroop of Maharaj. 'Shiksha Patri' be placed in a pious place of the house. In the house wherein small 'Shiksha Patri' is being worshipped, the evil spirits cannot enter into such houses. A Satsangi who performs poojan-path of 'Shiksha Patri' can never be influenced by the evil spirits. And therefore, poojan-path of 'Shiksha Patri' should invariably be performed in the house. Path of 'Shiksha Patri' should be completed once in a month. For example if reading of 'Shiksha Patri' is started from Kartak Sud-1 reading of all 212 shlokas should be completed upto Amas. Ardent devotees complete one Path by Poonam and thereby complete two Path in month.

In Shloka-208-209 of 'Shiksha Patri' clear directions are given that, " Our devotees should perform Nitya Path of this 'Shiksha Patri'." Those who are not illiterate, they should perform shravan (listening) of 'Shiksha Patri' and if there is nobody to read aloud the pious scripture, one should perform its nitya poojan. "It is My Vani and it is My Form and therefore it should be believed ardently." Are the words of Shreeji Maharaj about 'Shiksha Patri'. Akshardhamadhipati incarnated through

Dharmdev and Bhaktimata and brought four Aayudh but the same are not kept with Him as they are kept in Satsang (1) Sudarshan Chakra in the form of 'Shiksha Patri' (2) Gada offered to Kuldevta Hanumanji (3) Shankh (conch) offered to Dharmvanshi Acharya and through Mantradan in the form of Shankhdan, three types of bodies can be pierced through and (4) Padma (lotus) is offered to Sadguru Anandanand Swami, whose right palm was having lotus right from the birth. And therefore, the task of getting constructed temples was entrusted with Anandanand Swami, so that large requirement of money and material things can be met with very easily due to Padma in his hand.

Children and young devotees who perform Nitya pathan pooja of 'Shiksha Patri' get their Vidya (knowledge) increased and there are innumerable examples of Satsangi children getting excellent marks. Those who intend to obtain excellent degree, they should perform Path of 'Shiksha Patri' invariably.

There lies miracle in performing poojan-pathan of the scriptures (1) 'Shiksha Patri' (2) 'Vachanamrit' (3) 'Desh-Vibhag Lekh', created by Shreeji Maharaj and therefore there is tremendous benefit in following these directions. And therefore all the devotees and Haribhaktas should remain under the shelter of 'Shiksha Patri' having 212 Shlokas as it will protect us against all Kasthas and Anista (worldly difficulties). Offering one 'Shiksha Patri' to one person yields Punya of offering one cow.

In 'Swamini Vatu' it is written that being happy with ardent bhakti of Bhakta Ambarish Bhagwan had offered Sudarshan Chakra for protection. And Shreeji Maharaj has offered Sudarshan Chakra to the devotees in the form of 'Shiksha Patri' for protection.

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# दीपज्योति नमोऽस्तुते

- Shastri Harikeshavdas

In many of our scriptures, there is described importance of lighting lamp in front of Bhagwan. By performing darshan of jyoti of deep one gets both health and wealth in life. It also destroys Dwesh-buddhi. Lighting the lamp with ghee of cow yields Punya. By lighting a lamp in front of Bhagwan, the power of the enemy is destroyed by the power of deep-jyoti.

Lamp of pure Ghee is the symbol of Sattvikta and it the best way to bring positive thoughts in the mind. The fire of the lamp uplifts and gives upward direction to the positive thoughts. So a desolate person gets his negative thoughts destroyed by offering deep.

Our Istadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has given directions to offer Diya in front of Bhagwan : “घृतदीपाः प्रभोरग्रे कर्तव्या निशि शक्तिः”

Moreover, Deep is considered to be the form of Bhagwan.

“भागे दीपः देवस्वरूप सत्त्वं कर्म साक्षीहयविध्नकृत्” In ‘Padma-Purana’ it is stated that, by offering Deep in front of Bhagwan, our Pitrus also get Moksha:

“शुभं करोतु कल्याणं आरोग्यं धन सम्पदा ।

शत्रुबुद्धि विनाशाय, दीपज्योति नमोऽस्तुते ।

दीपज्योतिः परंब्रह्म दीपज्योति र्जनार्दनः ।

दीपो हरतु मे पापं दीपज्योति नमोऽस्तुते ॥”

Our Istadev Sarvopari Shree Hari invoked the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad and performed Deep-pragatya in front of the deities. This Akhand Deep is still continued

even after 200 years.

But it is to be understood with utmost care and caution that there is no guarantee about purity of ghee being offered by devotees for this Deep. And therefore, a noble idea has been proposed to be implemented that in stead of bringing ghee from home or from the market, money should be offered in proportion to the ghee we intend to offer and it should be deposited in the Kothar of the temple and receipt thereof should be obtained. And thereafter, as per the arrangement being made by the saints of the temple under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj pure ghee of cow would be brought and used for this Deep. So that we can offer pure feelings through pure ghee of cow.

Taking initiative in this regard H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has offered Rs.50,000/- at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev for this noble purpose which is a matter of great inspiration for the whole Satsang-samaj.

Moreover, with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, devotee Shri Poonambhai Maganbhai Patel rendered the services of preparing beautiful and artistic Deep-sthan and the same is offered to Shree Narnarayandev through H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

So by reading this article all devotees and Haribhaktas should take inspiration and should render their beautiful services as per the arrangement made by the temple and should obtain pleasure and blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and should ensure their emancipation in life.

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## FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ

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

On the occasion of Dasabdi Mahotsav of Approach (Bapunagar) on 26/02/2015 : We need to take care of our mind and Antahkaran more than we do for our body. At present the epidemic 'Swine Flu' is spread in the society. All are found to be taking all possible precautions for their protection from the epidemic. However, this life continues as per the wish of Bhagwan and therefore it is not important as to how long one has lived but is more important as to how he lived his life.

The names of diseases keep on changing. Earlier it was 'Chikan Guniya' thereafter it came 'Dengue' and now it is the season of 'Swine Flu'. But the fact is that, we are more perturbed by our inner enemies than such outward disease-like enemies. And these inner enemies cannot be avoided or prevented through any medicine or any weapon. It requires Dradh Satsang to



protect us from the inner enemies like bad temper, anger etc. sometimes nature is developed due to previous births, sometimes such bad nature is developed due to Kusang (company of bad people). However, this can be removed through Satsang. This easily removes Kusang developed in this life through company of bad persons. But one which is inherited from previous births takes more efforts and more time to be removed. And it requires constant bhajan, bhakti, satsang, katha-shravan etc. for longer period of time to get rid of bad temper inherited from previous births.

Seven saints have been living in Approach temple. Mahant Swami, Kothari Swami etc. have kept

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Satsang of this area green and fresh. The learned saints like Nirgundasji Swami offer you the divine benefit of Katha of Bhagwan. It is easy to construct a temple but thereafter to start and continue Satsang through this temple is very difficult. Yuvak Mandal of this temple is also very active. Even H.H. Shri Gadiwala has informed us that, many ladies devotees of this temple go to other villages to perform Satsang and it is a matter of great pleasure.

Nowadays, the habit of reading scriptures and good books is decreasing day by day. We do not get time and our interest is also very less. At that time Katha-Shravan is very essential. Nowadays people remember other things very easily but after listening to Katha of Bhagwan, after half an hour they forget what was narrated in Katha. At the most some interesting incident narrated in the Katha is remembered for maximum 24 hours.

During such time, one should look at the lives of Nand saints. If you look at the book 'Hari Smruti' published by Approach temple, how ardent love and affection towards Shree Hari was cherished by the creator of the book Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami and other saints. In their word-portrayal, all type of Leela of Shreeji Maharaj has been described very vividly. This book is worthy to be purchased and read and thought over by each and every devotee. This booklet is very useful to perform Smaran of Maharaj.

Nowadays situation is that, in stead of devotee himself performing Smaran of name of Maharaj, he purchases and bring home a machine and this machine keeps on chanting the name of Maharaj. This is fine in the changed circumstances. But one should get time and should perform smaran of name of Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

### ***For rendering Services for Akhad Diya in front of Shree Narnarayandev***

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, it is informed to all Haribhaktas that, there is no surety about purity of ghee being brought by Haribhaktas and ladies devotees for Akhand Diya in front of Shree Narnarayandev of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad and many impure and untouchable things are mixed up in it. Hence, if such impure ghee is offered for Akhand Diya, Punya as stated in the scriptures is not obtained. Hence, it is informed to all Satsangi Haribhaktas and ladies devotees to render services for this purpose in Ahmedabad temple in proportion to the quantity of ghee they intend to offer and to obtain receipt thereof. Pure ghee of cow would be used by the temple for this purpose.



“એ લટકું

હજી પણ મને

વિસરાયું નથી !”

**KAVI DALPATRAM –  
A POET GEM OF SATSANG**

- Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwala (Ahmedabad)

“એ લટકું હજી પણ મને વિસરાયું નથી !”

These are the words of Dalpatram who has obtained the nick-name of ‘Kavishwar’. He has uttered these words at the age of 70 years. And the incident reads as under :

Upanayan Samskar of Dalpatram was performed on the pious day of Vasant Panchmi of Vikram Samvat 1884. At that time he was eight years old. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi, Dalpatram became ‘Dwij’ (Brahmin). Now he started performing vicharan in Sorath region. He got Dakshina and performed Darshan of Shree Hari in his first vicharan!

On the pious day of Fagan Sud-08 (Samvat 1884), Dalpatram was brought to Gadhdha by his father to attend Varshi of mother of Kanka Tarwadi. Samaiyo of Shivarati of Samvat 1884 was celebrated by Shree Hari in Junagadh. Thereafter, Shreeji Maharaj graced Gadhpur. Listening about arrival of Shreeji Maharaj, all Brahmins went to see Shobhayatra. In



the Shobha-yatra, Shreeji Maharaj was riding Manki horse and Haribhaktas were performing Kirtan-Bhakti.

Thereafter Shreeji Maharaj graced Darbar of Dada Khachar. Little Dalpatram also went there in Darbar alongwith his father and other Brahmins to perform divine Darshan of Maharaj. Shreeji Maharaj welcomed them all. Dalpatram ardently saw Maharaj and the image entered into the heart of little Dalpatram and remained there throughout his life.

Shreeji Maharaj preached them Dharma of Brahmins and Brahmins were pleased at this. Thereafter, Maharaj asked them to accept Panch-vartman.

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Maharaj also told them that, this would help in establishing Dharma in the world. This had great impact upon the mind of little Dalpatram. This was the first and last meeting of Kavi Dalpatram with Maharaj but it had lasting impact upon his mind which remained there throughout his life.

At the age of 70 years, Kavi Dalpatram has relished this incident and has written :

“એ લટકું હજી પણ મને વિસરાયું નથી!”

There is an incident of Swami Tulsidas in our Sampradaya. At the age of 40 years Swami Tulsidas performed pilgrimage of Kashi. He lost the way and went to the outskirts of a village. A woman of the village was filling up water from the well. Swami asked her the way towards Kashi. The woman, who was very beautiful, showed the way of Kashi. It is narrated that, Swamiji could not forget this beautiful woman and could not forget

the beautiful gesture of the woman.

If a gesture of woman can be so enchanting, how alluring would be gesture of Bhagwan, which Kavi Dalpatram had witnessed during his first and last visit of Maharaj at Gadhpur!!! And this gesture of Maharaj could not be forgotten by Dalpatram even at the age of 70 years. This prompted Kavi Dalpatram to adopt Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya! How that we shall see in the next article!!!

All these incidents of the life of Kavishwar Dalpatram have been very interesting and exciting because in each of them inspiration and tradition of Shree Hari has been in the centre. In the next issue, we shall cherish some more incidents of his life and shall learn more about the richness of this Poet-gem of Satsang:!

### Change in Tithi of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nathdwara

With the directions and blessings of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, now Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nathdwara will be celebrated on **Kartak Sud-7** in stead of Maha Sud-5 Vasant Panchmi, which may please be noted by all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

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Expert in Yog-vidya and all other Shastras and Kalas, Shreeji Maharaj was also an expert in Music. Lovers of music used to come from distant places to enjoy and relish music from Shreeji Maharaj. Our Nand Saints were also expert in music. One such Sangeet Sabha was organized in the pious company of Shreeji Maharaj under Limbatru Vriksha in Darbar of Dada Khachar at Gadhpur. Famous musicians from Lucknow and gavaiya saints had

also arrived to participate in this Sangeet Sabha. Each and every participant artist presented his best performance and enlivened even Limbatru Vriksha. Muktanand Swami prepared an elephant with kumkum red legs while performing dance in company of music. Premanand Swami presented extempore producing rachana of Dikhla Didar Pyara Maheboob Hamra and singers of Lucknow were stunned at this (this incident and Things of Prasadi relating thereto have been placed in Hall No.4 for divine Darshan). Such a rich tradition of love for music has also transcended in Dharmkul. Kirtan Padas of Aadi Acharya Shree Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj are very famous in our Sampradaya. Moreover, H.H. Shri Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj also used to invite the famous singers and used to encourage them at their best performance. Extending this great tradition, our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is also having great insight into music. (the music being played in our Museum is the selection of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj). Recently, classical singer Ustad Vasim Hussain Khan Saheb of Agra Gharana was invited at Museum and he was honoured for his excellent performance.

- Praful Kharsani

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12/04/2015	Morning : Jagdishbhai Vaghjibhai Patel, New Vadaj, (at present Vaghodiya) Evening : Chetnaben Sureshkumar Patel, Surat.
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19/04/2015	Nitaben Himatlal Bhavsar, Baunagar.
24/04/2015	Shamji Karsan Patel, Dahisara-Kachchh.
26/04/2015	Arvindbhai P. Thakkar, Shital Auto

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**KESHAV PANDIT OF AHMEDABAD**

**- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)**  
(Continued from the previous article...)

Today the packet of salt had come to test the strength of the sea!!! Keshav Pandit had come to Ahmedabad to raise dispute with Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. When Keshav Pandit saw in the sabha that Maharaj had convinced Jesangbhai to sit down, Keshav Pandit thought he would win. And Keshav Pandit started abusing Shreeji Maharaj. All the questions paused by Keshav Pandit were answered at ease and with peace of mind by Maharaj.

Keshav Pandit thought that since Maharaj is illiterate, he can show off his knowledge of the Vedas. And he started speaking in Sanskrit. He started discussing in Sanskrit and also started asking questions in Sanskrit. Keshav Pandit did not believe the words of Maharaj that he did not know Sanskrit. At this Maharaj told him that a boy sitting in the corner had taught Sanskrit to all the saints. Keshav Pandit did not believe even in these words. And he asked questions of the Vedas to that little boy. And with the blessings of Shreeji Maharaj, the boy who was very simple and poor, started chanting Karikas of Rigvedas and Matras of Samveda and Atharvaveda.

On further inquiry and questions, the little boy started explaining each and every Mantra and Karika, that he uttered. This had great impact upon the mind of

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**SATSANG BALVATIKA**

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

Keshav Pandit.

Now the direction of Keshav Pandit changed. Bhakti has been added to it. His life becomes happy. Shreeji Maharaj granted him Abhaydan and offered him eleven rules. Keshav Pandit adopted Kanthi. He also requested Maharaj to grant him Diksha as Sadhu. But the mother of Keshav Pandit requested Maharaj not to do so. Hence Maharaj asked Keshav Pandit to become an ardent devotee of Sampradaya.

Dear devotees! We have to understand so many things from this Akhyan of Keshav Pandit. If we think for a while, Gyan without Bhakti is useless and therefore Bhagwan has stated in 'Shiksha Patri' that without Bhakti of Bhagwan even the great erudite person does not get emancipation. So to perform ardent Bhakti of Bhagwan is the real meaning of life.

## ONE SHOULD BEWARE OF FIRE OF EXPECTATIONS

**- Narayan B. Jani (Gandhinagar)**

Tej is one of Panchmahabhut. Tej means fire and light. This fire is very essential and very useful. But it should be



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used with care and caution. But if this agni is changed into fire out of proportion, it brings devastation. There are two types of fire. External and internal. The external fire brings devastation of the material things, buildings and public properties. And the internal fire is represented by Kam, Krodh, Lobh, Moh, Mad, Ahamkar and this spoils the inner purity of the soul and mind of a human being.

The external fire can be extinguished with the help of fire brigade. But the internal fire can be extinguished only after great efforts.

One disciples learnt to perform Dhyam of Bhagwan while remaining in Ashram of his pious guru and he achieved excellent result and could perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan in Dhyam. Later on the disciple thought to spread this knowledge to others. He went to the bank of the river Narmada, got constructed a temple on the bank of the river and invoked the idol images of the deities in the temple. But to his surprise, he lost the divine Darshan of Bhagwan which he used to have during his Dhyam. He asked the reason for it to his Guru. Guru told him to extinguish the fire of fame which

had just started in his heart and also asked him to sweep and clean the temple twice in a day and to come to him after one year.

After scrupulously following the directions of his Guru for one year, the disciple returned to his Guru. Now he had obtained divine Siddhi and he fell down at the feet of his Guru with utmost humility.

In 25<sup>th</sup> Vachanamrit of Gadhdha Middle Chapter, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has preached to render services which purifies the mind.

“જેવું ઉકાખાયરને સેવા કરવાનું વ્યસન પડ્યું છે, તેવી રીતે ભગવાન તથા ભગવાનના સંત તેની સેવા કર્યાનું જેને વ્યસન પડે ને તે વિના એક ક્ષણ માત્ર પણ રહી શકે નહી તો એના અંતઃકરણની જે મલિન વાસના તે સર્વે નાશ પામી જાય છે.”

Through the abovementioned remedy, we need to purify our mind and have to sow the seeds of Sadvichar and have to nourish it with Bhakti and Bhajan and Satsang so that we can get peace of mind, happiness and sweet fruits of Moksha.

It is absolutely true that, those who have purified their mind, they get emancipation in this life. And therefore the scriptures say:

“મન એવ મનુષ્યાણાં કારણં બન્ધ મોક્ષયોઃ”

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# ॥ भक्तिसुधा ॥

**BHAKTI-SUDHA**

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H.  
SHRI GADIWALA 'ONE HAS TO  
BECOME GYANI HIMSELF'**

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

We listen to Katha, perform Satsang and then also we feel that we have not been able to know what we should know. We read the scriptures, perform Bhajan, Prarthna, Kirtan, Nam-smaran but then also it does not ensure that we have become Gyani. If we start believing ourselves to be Gyani, our ignorance and resultantly our Ahamkar (pride) increases and these are great obstacles in our journey of achieving Moksha (emancipation) in our life. We become hard-hearted as we loose gentleness of the heart. We can describe the delicious dish but we cannot relish its sweet taste. For that we have to eat the item. We have to explore our inner self. We have to remember what we have heard and read. And this memory is called Smriti it helps increase our memory power. We have to be honest to ourselves.

Sometimes we deceive ourselves. But if we want inner peace, we have to explore the peace in our own self and that also honestly and we have remove all impurities from our heart. We have to remove concept of respect, fame and name from our heart and affection attached

therewith. We are not born proud. As a child we are originally very innocent. Gradually we learn cunningness, smartness and all manipulative tactics from the society, as we allow them to enter in our mind from the outside world. This can be prevented only by our own conscious efforts.

We cannot contain darkness in a closed room. We have to remove it from the room through the light of Gyan i.e. real knowledge. And this is possible through the Deep of Gyan. And what is darkness? It is in fact absence of light- light that is Gyan.

Like darkness, if we can remove Ahamkar (pride) from our life and also from our inner self, we would experience divine Parmatma in our life. So to experience it we need to perform Purusharth in our life.

**LOBH**

**- Patel Labhuben Manubhai (Kundal,  
Tal. Kadi)**

“गिरधारी रे सप्ती ! गिरधारी,  
मारें निरभे अपूटनाणुं गिरधारी,  
परच्युं न भूटे एने चोर न वुंटे,  
दामनी पेढे रे, गांढे भांध्यु नव छूटे.”

We may have performed much Satsang but Lobh does not leave us as it is attached with Lobhi-Prakriti (greedy nature) of Jivatma. Something which we consider it to be real wealth is perishable.

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It may be with us today, but may go away from us tomorrow. A millionaire may come to the footpath on the next day. So real wealth is not money but Bhakti of Maharaj.

“रे श्याम तमे सायुं नाणुं,  
गीनुं सर्वे दुःखदायक जाणुं.”

This is the only real wealth in this Anant Koti Brahmand. Everything else is futile. We have to take care that, our feelings are not diverted into wrong directions due to Lobh. We have to take care that money is not entered in our house through any unfair means. Money earned through unfair means (Adharma) brings devastation and destruction of our social life, public life and personal life. It cannot bring us real happiness. And such a money offered in Daan (offerings) is not accepted by Bhagwan.

Even all the money that we earn through hard work is not ours. Maharaj has directed us to offer Dharmada. 10% or 20% of our legitimate earnings should be offered in Dharmada. And these directions must be followed scrupulously in our life. And this will bring real happiness and peace in our life leading to ultimate goal of emancipation.

### WONDERFUL GHANSHYAM JANMOTSAV

In the pious company of H.H. Shri

Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Shri Narmadaba divine Ghanshyam Janmotsav was celebrated on the pious day of Ramnavmi in the noon from 3.00 to 5.00 hours in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria.

H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala performed divine Rasotsav with Satsangi ladies devotees. H.H. Shri Gadiwala also encouraged all the ladies devotees and offered Prasad to each and every ladies devotees.

Everybody experienced, how divine is the company of H.H. Shri Gadiwala of our Dharmkul. There are divine powers lying at the lotus like feet of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and this can only be experienced, it cannot be narrated.

In the concluding part of this beautiful programme, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees and told them to perform such Utsav-Samaiya and to remember them in life. During the whole programme, ladies devotees of Kankariya Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services. From Jetalpur Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of mandal of Sankhya Yogi Bachiba and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from Kalupur temple had performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti on this divine occasion. (compilation : Kotak Varsha Natvarlal, Ghodasar)

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# સર્વસંગ સમાચાર

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

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul from Akshay Tritiya Vaisakh Sud-3, Chandan Vagha is offered to Shree Narnarayandev etc. deities in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. Divine Darshan of the deities and Thakorji are offered by Poojari saints. Haribhaktas from Desh-Videsh avail the benefit of divine Chandan Vagha Darshan of the deities. (Shastri Swami Narayanmudasji)

## **60<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gulabpura**

With the directions and with blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the pleasure of Akshar Niasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Harwaroopdasji and in the memory of Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Naranbhai Mohandas Patel and Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Jaotiba, 60<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gulabpura was celebrated on 06/04/2015 with great fevour and enthusiasm.

Early in the morning at 6.00 hours Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by the saints followed by Katha-Varta-Kirtan-Bhakti. Thereafter Annakut aarti and Mahaprasad were performed.

In the noon at 4.00 hours, all Bhaktas participated in Nagaryatra of Thakorji. Pramukh, Kothari and other leading persons and devotees of the village had rendered their beautiful services. Devotee Shri Gandalal Narandas Patel and Akshar

Niasi Trikamlal Narandas Patel family had rendered the services as the host this divine occasion. (Alpesh Patel, Gulabpura)

## **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kubadthal**

On the pious day of Chaitra Sud-09 Shree Hari Prakatyotsav, all haribhaktas and devotees had performed Dhon, Bhaja, Kirtan in the evening from 8.00 to 10.00 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kubadthal. At 10.00 hours Shree Hari Prakatyotsav aarti was performed. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kubadthal)

## **Padyatra from Ahmedabad to Chhapaiyadham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of the devotee Shri Naranbhai Khichadia, as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Dwishatabdi Mahotsav, 50 Haribhaktas of Bapunagar had started pilgrimage of Chhapaiyadham from 01/02/2015 and concluded the same by reaching at Chhapaiyadham on 06/04/2015. They had performed divine Darshan of all places of pilgrimage on the way. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had inquired about their health telephonically and had blessed them. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

## **Satkar Samaroh, Jamiyapura**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj beautiful Satkar Samarambh was organized at Jamiyapura Prabha Hanumanji temple on 22/03/2015 in the mornig from 9.00 to 12.00 as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav.

In the Sabha organized in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple had

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delivered inspirational speech. At lat H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed and offered certificates of blessings to all Swayamsevaks of each and every area of Ahmedabad city and devotees of each and every village, as per their group-committee etc. who had rendered their beautiful services during Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. On this occasion saints from Kalupur, Naranghat and Koteshwar Gurukul had also arrived.

Devotee Shri Purav Patel had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. Shastri Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant of Gandhinagar Sector-2) had conducted Sabha on this occasion. Mahant Swami Vijayprakashdasji and Yuvak Mandal had made beautiful arrangements of Bhojan- Prasad. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

### **28<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 28<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 25/03/2015. On this occasion, 12 hour Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon was organized.

On the occasion of Patotsav, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur Ahmedabad temple, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple, Mahant Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji of Gandhinagar, Sector-2 had arrived and had performed Katha-Varta of Bhagwan and had performed Annakut aarti of Thakorji and had blessed all the devotees in the Sabha organized on this occasion. Saints had insisted the youngsters for freedom from addiction.

On 04/04/2015 Chitra Sud-15 Hanuman Jayanti, Hanuman Chalisa Path

was performed in the morning from 6.00 to 9.00 hours. Poojan-aarti of Shree Hanumanji and Annakut Aarti was performed. Devotee Shri Bharatbhai Gandabhai Chaudhary had rendered the services as the host of this occasion. (Dahyabhai Shambhubhai Chaudhary)

### **Multi-specialty PSM Hospital with ultra-modern facilities at Kalol**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj, first Multispecialty PSM Hospital with ultra-modern facilities started by Sadguru Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji is functioning at Kalol. Before some time H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the hospital and had observed all the services and facilities available in the hospital and was very much pleased. In the sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees and had said that social services like medical and education are very essential in the society and it is a matter of pleasure that such services are being offered in our Sampradaya and had also blessed Sadguru Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji and Trustees.

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**For the first time in Acharya Parampara in History of Sampradaya, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj performing vicharan from Ahmedabad to Dhariyavad in Helicopter**

From Aadi Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj upto the present Acharya H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, all Acharyas of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Diocese have led a very simple life and the only purpose of their life is to grant happiness to the devotees. They have performed vicharan in bullock-cart or in common vehicle and even Pagpala vicharan is also performed.

Recently Dasabdo Mahotsav of our Shree Swaminarayan temple with three domes at Dhariyavad (Rajasthan) was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. This temple is situated in hilly area. Therefore Sadguru Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji and local Haribhaktas determined that H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj should not feel any inconvenience and difficulties while gracing this Dasabdi Mahotsav. Therefore, all of them ardently requested H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to grace the place Dhariyavad and Shree Swaminarayan temple by helicopter. Accepting the ardent request, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Dwishatabdi Mahotsav alongwith Shastri Swami Atmapakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) in helicopter in the evening on 19/04/2015. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was organized with Brahmchari Swami Hariswaroopanandji. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Mahabhishek of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Shree Radhakrishnadev. Saints and Haribhaktas from various places had arrived on this

occasion. In the sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the saints and thousands of devotees. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant of Chhapaiya and Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji of Dhariyavad and their saint mandal and saints of Jetalpurdham. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas)

**Medical Camp organized as a part of 192<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev of Bhuj temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple and the saints, Mega Medical Camp was organized on Sunday 19/04/2015 in temple premises on the occasion of 192<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev of Bhuj temple, which began with lighting of lamp by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion British Deputy High Commissioner Geoff Bain and Minister Shri Tarachandbhai Chheda dignitaries had remained present. With the inspiration of Mahant Swami Dharmanandandasji, Akshar Nivasi Keshavlal Premji Bhudiya family of Fotdi (Kachchh - Mombasa) through Hasmukhbhai Kanji Bhudiya had rendered the services as chief donor of the camp. Besides this, K.K. Jesani Baladiya (Kachchh, at present London) and Akshar Nivasi Nathabhai Manji Varsani had rendered the services of Rs.25/- each. Medical check up of total 7018 patients of various diseases and other 2265 persons was done in the Medical camp.

192 people had donated blood. 125 became free from addiction. So far through various Medical Camps, Medical Check up and operations of about 36000 patients of whole Kachchh has been done by Bhuj temple. Services of Rs.4.5 crore was also rendered for installing M.R.I. Machine in

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Matushri Medhbai Premji Jetha Leuva Patel Hospital. Thus, very inspirational social services are being rendered by our Bhuj temple under the inspiration of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints.

### MULI DESH

#### **Satsang activity by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar as a part of Dasabdi Mahotsav**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Swami Premjivandasji of the temple and Sadguru Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji various satsang activities were organized as a part of future Dasabdi Mahotsav (Kartak Vad-2 Samvat 2072) of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar.

In 151 villages, 12 hour Akhan Dhoon of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra was performed by the saints of the temple and Bhakti Hari Swami of Ranjitgadh in Ramgadh, Akhiyana, Sara, Dhrangadhra, Methan, Bharada, Malvan villages.

#### **Swachhata Abhiyan-Vyasan Mukti Paryavaran Jagruti**

Besides this various social activities were also organized in Jasapar, Timba, Kharva, Kholadiyad, Memka, Baldana and Balol etc. villages. In the Sabha Shasri Swami Shreejprakashdasji (Hathijan), Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji, Poojari Nityaswaroopdasji, Shastri Swami Premvalabhdasji and Ravi Bhagat had delivered their inspirational speeches suitable to the occasion. Sabha was conducted by devotee Shri Shailendrasinh Zala.

#### **Katha-Parayan in Surendranagar temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole

Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Premjivandasji, Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan was organized from Chaitra Sud-2 to Chaitra Sud-9 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejprakashdasji (Hathijan) as the spokesperson. Ganga Swaroop devotee Shri Bhaktiben Shiyaniya (Kharwa) family had rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. Saints from various places had also arrived. Poojari Swami Nityaprasadji was the spokesperson of lecture-series organized on this occasion. The whole Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji. The whole arrangement was made by Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Shree Hari Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar in the evening from 5.30 to 7.30 on the pious day of Chaitra Sud-09. Grand Shobhayatra with musical band party and decorated vehicles was organized. Newspapers and electronic media had given beautiful coverage to the whole programme. Mahant Swami of Muli temple and his saint mandal had also participated in Shobhayatra. The whole arrangement was made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Halvad (Khariwadi)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala, 23<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Halvad was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had graced this occasion and had performed aarti of Thakorji and had blessed all the ladies devotees. Shishya

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Mandal of Akshar Nivasi Sankhya Yogi Sitaba and Akshar Nivasi Sankhya Yogi Gauriba of Dhrangadhra and Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba and Sankhya Yogi Madhba, Nitaba, and Ankitaben and Manishben had made beautiful arrangements. (Sankhya Yogi Hiraba, Dhrangadhra)

### OVERSEAS SATSANT NEWS

#### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav was celebrated with great favour and enthusiasm in front of Thakorji in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia. Devotees had performed divine Darshan of Thakorji sitting in golden throne. Dharmkishor Swami had narrated Katha of Pragatya of Shree Narnarayandev. The host family was honoured with garlands on this occasion.

#### Shree Hari Prakatyotsav-Ramnavmi-Maruti Yagna :

On the pious day of Chaitra Sud-9, Shree Hari Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. In the noon Shree Ram Janmotsav and Maruti Yagna were celebrated. Shri Rohitbhai Pandya had got performed ritual of Maruty Yagna. The devotee Shri Kantibhai and devotee Shri Jayshriben Patel (Philadelphia) had rendered the services as the Chief Host. Dharmkishor Swami had narrated Katha of Prakatyotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Haribhaktas had performed Kirtan-Bhakti-Dhoon. At 10.10 hours at night Janmotsav aarti of Bhagwan was performed. Thousands of devotees availed the benefit of divine Darshan. The host devotees were honoured with garlands on this occasion. (Pravinbhai Shah)

#### AKSHARVAAS

**Deusana**—Devotee Shri Mathurbhai Shivdas Patel passed away to Akshardham on 02/02/2015 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

**Ahmedabad-Juna Vadaj** – Devotee Shri Ishwarlal Amarshibhai Pitroda passed away to Akshardham on 25/02/2015 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

**Unava** - Devotee Shri Kiribhai Lalbhai Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 07/03/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Deusana**— Devotee Shri Bhikhabhai Jividas Patel passed away to Akshardham on 07/03/2015 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Ahmedabad**- Devotee Shri Gopalkrishna Harikrishna Shastri (Petladwala) (who prepares Nirnay of our Vrat Utsav under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj) passed away to Akshardham on 23/03/2015 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Trent (Tal. Viramgam)** - Devotee Shri Baluben Veniram Patel (Shihora) passed away to Akshardham on 23/03/2015 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**London** - Devotee Shri NanbhaiParbat Dabhasiya (Sukhpar-Kachchhwala) passed away to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Cleveland (America)** - Devotee Shri Prakashbhai Bhalabhai Patel (Barejawala) (Vice President of our International Swaminarayan Satsang Organization and active and ardent devotee of Dev-Acharya) passed away to Akshardham on 19/04/2015 while chanting the name of Shri Hari. This has caused irreparable loss to America I.S.S.O. Satsang. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj have prayed to Shree Narnarayandev to grant patience and courage to the family of the departed soul.

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(1) Haribhaktas availing the benefit of Group Mahapooja in Chicago temple. (2) Divine Darshan of Shree Hari Prakatyosav Deen in Detroit temple. (3) Shri P.P. Swami offering Prasadi to one local American Haribhakta in Colonia. (4) Annakut Darshan on the occasion of Patotsav of Sydney temple, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji and granting darshan in Shobhayatra and Sabha, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Raja with ladies devotees and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj with Yuvak Mandal. (5) Construction work of temple with dome at Panchvati (Kalol). (6) Anandanand Swami and Gangaba Smruti Bhavat (proposed) at Jetalpur Akshar Fulwadi.





Photographs of Dasabdi Mahotsv of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhariyavad (Rajasthan)

