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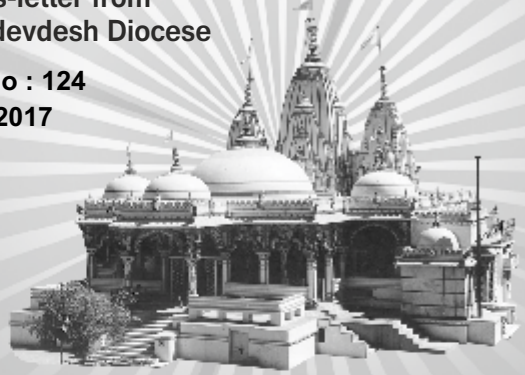
(1) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj cutting the cake in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj granting blessings on the pious occasion of 20th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granting blessings in Sabha Mandap of Ahmedabad temple in the presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on the pious occasion of Guru Purnima. (3) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj providing guidance to H.H. Shri Mahant Swami and the saints for distribution of food packets and other essential commodities on behalf of our Kalapur temple to the people of the flood affected areas of Banaskantha district.



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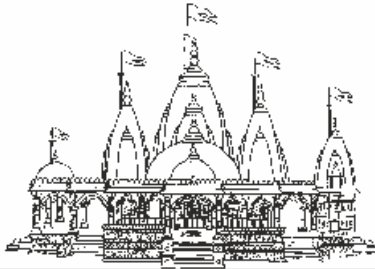
'Bhakta of Bhagwan does not wish four types of Mukti. Which are these four types of 'Mukti'? One is to reside in Lok of Bhagwan. Second is to reside very close to Bhagwan. Third is to obtain form very similar to Bhagwan and fourth is to obtain Aishwarya very similar to that of Bhagwan. In this way, Bhakta of Bhagwan does not wish these four types of Mukti. He craves to render to Bhagwan his devout services only.

One being Bhakta of Bhagwan desires any of these four types of Mukti, he is known as Sakam Bhakta and the one who does not wish this Chaturdha Mukti and craves to render his devout service only is known as Nishkam Bhakta only." (Gadhada First Chapter-43)

The above Vachanamrit is applicable to all of us. So while keeping this Vachanamrit in mind, we should be only Nishkam Bhakta and should obtain pleasure of Shree Hari by rendering our devout services.

The monsoon has arrived in the whole of Gujarat with its happiness and sorrow both. First it caused devastation in Zalavad-Morbi area through the natural calamity like floods. Many people have been drown in the flood. There is no any exact figure of the animals affected by the flood. Thousands of families have become homeless. Cherishing utmost feelings of pain, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj have prayed to Shree Narnarayandev to reduce the woes and pain of the affected people.

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Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008

Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

(JULY-2017)

6. Return from pilgrimage to abroad.
9. Celebration of grand Guru Poojan Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur alongwith H.H Shri Lalji Maharaj and thousands of saints and Haribhaktas.

18 July to 31 July.

Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sydney, Perth and Melbourne in Australia and from there graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Oldham (London) on the occasion of 40th Patotsav.

APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

(JULY-2017)

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19. Celebration of 20th Prakatyotsav in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and saints and Haribhaktas.
30. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach (Bapunagar) on the occasion of Mahapooja.



Shree Ganpatidev

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Ganpati - Ganesh means 'Pati of Gana' There are three types of Gana. Devgana, Manushyagana, Asurgana. Ganpati is Adhipati of all these three Ganas. This is not the name of any son or any person. It refers to designation-power-right. One who is Adhipati of Gana is known as Ganesh. When Brahma created the Universe, Dev-Asur-Manushya were also created and in order to conduct and regulate them Ganpati was also created. He regulates-operates the whole universe. In the scriptures he has been referred to as Aadi-Dev Anadi-Dev. And therefore, when all the three Ganas start any type of Karma-pooja there is tradition of beginning it with Ganpati-poojan. In Stuti-Vibhag Ganpati is referred to as Adhipati of Anant Gana. Just as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiv are Adhipati of Sattva, Raja and Tamo Gunas respectively, Ganpati is Adhipati-Adhistata of Dev-Manushya-Danav Ganas. And He is Anadi also because at the time of marriage ritual of Shiv-Parvati first of all poojan of Ganpati was performed, as such references are found from the scriptures. Hence from the inception of the Universe, Ganeshji regulates Gana.

This Aadi-Anadi Ganesh-Ganpati was born as son of Jagdamba Jagat-Janani Parvati. Utpatti of Ganeshji was caused from the perspiration of the body of mother Parvati.

Once Parvatiji performed Ganpati Vrata and Ganeshji granted divine Darshan and at that time Devi asked for a son like Ganesh. Ganeshji blessed Devi and told her that He Himself would

incarnate after some time as her son.

After completing this Vrata, when Parvatiji was performing Snan with herbal medicines of Himalayas, a son of the age of 08 years was born to her from her perspiration and that son was Ganpatiji. Ganpatiji was born in order to fulfill the blessings. Dev-Rishis, Gandharvas-yakshas-Kinnars-Apsaras, Marut-Gana, Lokpal Devio etc. performed pooja-Stuti of Ganpatiji chanting Vedic Mantras. Divine flowers were poured from above the sky and deities of Vishnu, Brahma, Indra, Chandra, Varuna were also present there.

At that time, Shanidev was standing there showing his back to Ganpati. Parvatiji asked Shanidev why he was standing like this showing his back to her son and asked him to turn around. The moment Shanidev turned around and looked at Ganpati, the face of Ganpati turned black. Shanidev told Parvatiji that, this was due to the impact of his sight as it happens everywhere when He looks at anything or anybody. Parvatiji realized her mistake and repented.

At the time of birth, Ganpati was wearing yellow Pitambar, and gradually Ganpati was with huge belly, four hands holding one stick, one bead, one book and one sweet ball in each hand.

Since he was born at the Vinanti (request) of mother, he was named Vinayak. In order to obtain pleasure of Parvatiji, all the deities gave priority and right of Agrapoojan of Vinayak Dev in all religious rituals of poojan. But still black face of Vinayak was making Parvati unhappy and repentant.

Some scriptures narrate that, when Ganpati was born, Shivji was engaged in Dirgh-Samadhi and some other Purana-

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scriptures narrated that, Shivji had gone to listen to Bhagwan Ramkatha.

Once Mata Parvatiji went to take bath and asked her son Vinayak to stay at the gate of the hut and not to allow anybody inside. While Mata Parvatiji was performing Snan, at that time Bhagwan Bholanath Shivji came there but son Vinayak stopped him.

Shivaji became angry and asked him who was he to stop him from entering the house? And a dispute started between the two. When all Ganas of Shivji were defeated by Ganpati, Shivji became angry, held Trishul in his hand and cut the head of Ganeshji with Trishul. It created great turmoil in the whole universe. Brahmaji, Vishnuji and Indradev immediately rushed at the place. All the deities ardently requested Shivji to abandon His anger, as he had cut the head of his own son and requested him to grant life to his son.

When Shivji knew this, he became unhappy. He immediately asked Vishnu Bhagwan to go towards the North direction and to bring the head of anybody who meets first in North while using Sudarshan-Chakra. Vishnu Bhagwan went towards the North direction and he met an elephant, who was in fact Aairavat Hathi (elephant) cursed by Durvasa Muni. When the head of elephant was placed upon the body of Ganesh, Shivji opened his hair and took Amrut from Chandra and offered it to Ganesh and so now he became known as Gajanan. All the deities performed Stuti-Vandana and poojan. Aadinath Ganpati, as son of Parvati Vinayak with face of elephant became known as Gajanan.

Shivji told Parvatiji that in order to remove her unhappiness caused by the

black face of her son, this whole Leela was performed and Jagdamba Parvati became happy leaving her unhappiness.

The day on which Ganpatiji was born from the perspiration of Parvatiji was Bhadavra Sud-04 and hence it is celebrated as Ganesh Chaturthi. In Puranas, five deities are considered as principal deities for poojan-archan, and one of them is Ganpati and all religious rituals of poojan-archan always begin with Ganpati-poojan being Adhipati of Sattvik Gun. Without poojan of Ganpatiji, none of the thirty crore deities accept and recognize any ritual.

In the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Shreeji Maharaj had also directed all the devotees to perform poojan of Panchdev -Vishnu, Shiv, Ganpati, Parvati and Surya. So as devotees, we should know Katha of Utpati of Ganeshji who is one of the Panchdev because one does not get right to perform poojan without knowing about divine Swaroop of deities.

Gajanan Ganpati Devi has been narrated as Vidhna-harta Dev, Sankat Haran Dev in our scriptures. Any person who remembers and worship Ganpatiji in the beginning of any of his work, all the difficulties and hurdles of his work are destroyed automatically. In the pious presence of Ganpatiji, nobody can create any obstacle and if at all anybody comes and dares to create any hurdle, he is punished severely as per Vachan given to Maa Parvatiji. Dharmo is offered in Naivadya to Ganeshji. Dharmo plant has got divine touch of sprinkling of Amrut-kalash and it is very pious plant and so anybody he offers Dharmo, his Bhakti becomes Amar and Ganpatiji is pleased with him.

Jay of Nilkanth Prabhu

- Shastri Nirgundas (Ahmedabad)

॥ उपजातिवृत्तम् ॥

सद्धर्मरक्षात्तजने सदीश प्रतापनिर्मूलदैत्ययूथ ।
 पाखण्डतो रक्षितानैङ्गभक्ता प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥१॥
 निश्रेयसायैव कलौ नराणां भक्त्याः सदोपास्यमनोज्ञमूर्ते ।
 अतिक्षमाब्धज्जित्दयानिधान प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥२॥
 स्वभक्तगोलोकनयात्मनिष्ठः प्रभो सदैकान्तिकधर्मधर्तः ।
 प्रवृत्तितक्षेमदसांख्ययोग प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥३॥
 अधर्ममायाकलिकालनानादोषाशुनाशन श्रवणादिभक्तेः ।
 धर्मक्रियात्परः चारुवेष प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥४॥
 महामुने योगकलाप्रवृत्ते योगेश्वरानन्तगुणप्रभावः ।
 विभोः धराभीतिदः दिव्यरूपेः प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥५॥
 कामादज्ञाचरित्रासदः चिन्तनेश पापौघविद्रवणनामधेय ।
 अज्ञानविध्वंसन बोधशक्तेः प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥६॥
 हरिप्रसादे हरिकृष्ण कृष्णस्वामिन् हरे तापस नैष्ठिकेन्द्रः ।
 नारायणः प्रेमवतीतनुजः प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥७॥
 अदीनदिव्यचरितः स्वतन्त्रः ब्रह्मर्षिराजर्षिसमर्चितांघ्रेः ।
 श्री स्वामिनारायणदेशिकेन्द्रः प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥८॥

॥ इति श्रीमुकुन्दानन्द वर्णिकृता स्तुतिः ॥

Shree Hari known as Nilkanth performed Vicharan in dense forest and performed Tapascharya and preached with his action and conduct that you will get Bhagwan by performing such type of Tapa. Varniraj Brahmchari Mukundanandji, who always accompanied Shree Hari, has performed Stuti of this Tapaswi Swaroop of Shree Hari in this Stotra.

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In this dire Kalikal when there is sin being committed everywhere and when killing and eating of living beings has become so natural, Sakshat Ishwar Murti



parmbrahma parmatma Bhagwan Shree Purushottam Narayan incarnates on this earth for protecting Saddharma and Ekantik Bhaktas and by destroying the group of demons and by protecting His devotees from Dambh, Aadambar and Pakhand, Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (1)

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Many means have been narrated in the scriptures for obtaining Atyantik Moksha by Mumukshu Jivatma. But nobody is capable of going into the deep forest and to perform Tapascharya. So intelligent and learned human beings should perform your Ekantik Bhakti, as it is the means of Moksha. You are generous like ocean in forgiving the offences of living beings. And You are like an ocean of Mercy for the souls drowning in this ocean of Life. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (2)

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You are always eager to take your Ananya Bhakta with You in divine Golok. You are so eager for your devotees like a near and dear one is eager for his loved ones. Though being Competent Ruler and Regulator of the whole Universe, You behave observing all Dharmas which are applicable to Ekantik Bhakta. You have propagated real knowledge of Sankhya Gyan and Yog Shastra. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (3)

अधर्ममायाकलिकालनानादोषाशुनाशन श्रवणादिभक्तेः ।
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You prepare your Atyantik Bhaktas to perform Shravan-Kirtan, Sewa-pja, Yagna-Hom-Havan etc. which destroy all Doshas of Kaliyuga such as doing Adharma or to cherish excessive affection towards Things of Maya. You wear Shant-Shresth Vesh-Bhusha. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (4)

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You are always eager to impart knowledge of Astang Yog, Yam, Niyam, Aasan, Pranayam, Pratyahar, Dharana, Dhyana and Samadhi even to great Munis and You grant momentum to their Yog activities. There are innumerable such qualities in You and You make your devotees fearless. You are present in Anant Koti Brahmands and You also remain present upon this Earth and remove all fears of your devotees. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (5)

कामादज्ञाचरित्रासदः चिन्तनेश पापौघविद्रवणनामधेय ।
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By performing Chintan of Your Divine form, all inner enemies like Kaam, Krodh, Lobh etc. are destroyed from the heart. By performing Smaran of Your benevolent names all the three types of sins - Prabadh, Sanchit and Kriyaman - are destroyed. And You are capable of imparting Gyan of Satya Swaroop of Parbrahm Parmatma to such Nishpaap by destroying the darkness of Maya from their hearts. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (6)

हरिप्रसादे हरिकृष्ण कृष्णस्वामिन् हरे तापस नैष्ठिकेन्द्रः ।
नारायणः प्रेमवतीतनुजः प्रशान्तमूर्ते जय नीलकंठः ॥७॥

Hey Prabhu! My Lord! Swami Shre Hari! You have taken birth and incarnation as Harikrishna, you have adopted Naishtik Dharma, have performed Tapascharya and You grant divine Darshan as son of Premvati Bhaktidevi. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (7)

अदीनदिव्यचरितः स्वतनन्त्रः ब्रह्मर्षिराजर्षिसमर्चितांग्रेः ।
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Hey Parmatma Shree Hari! You have adopted independently qualities like Daya, Karuna, Kshama, Nirmanipanu etc. But like Jeev of this world, You do not hold them due to dependency or poverty. Because great Brahmrisis, who have obtained Sakshatkar of Atmagyan and great Rajashris, who have abandoned the kingdom of this world obtained by them, render Your services while remaining at Your lotus-like feet. Hey Swaminarayan Mahaprabhu You are like Indra who is Ruler-Regulator of Dharmacharya and Dharmapravartaks. Oh Shant Murti Oh Shree Nilkanth Prabhu, You are worshipped everywhere. (8)

Benevolent Blessings of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati on the pious occasion of Guru Purnima

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H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much pleased with all those saints of Shree Narnarayandev Desh, who performed Vicharan in the villages of Shree Narnarayandev Desh and nourished Satsant through Katha-Varta and collected Dharmado of Dev and deposited the same in Kothar of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad temple. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Himself offered garlands uttering 'Jay Swaminarayan ... Jay Swaminarayan'. Some of the saints were encouraged for construction of more temples and sharing light moments granted divine happiness to the Sabha.

When blessings started, Auchhav Mandal started Auchhav in the inner temple and naturally amidst the voice of Auchhav it may not convenient and possible for the spokesperson as well as the listeners to carry on. In the past also such incidents have occurred. But here H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Himself told to start Utsav a bit late, as it will also obtain pleasure of Dev. Here also this Utsav is also meant for Dev. There is no point in performing five aartis in a day when no work of Bhagwan is done. We read in Vachanamrit that Shreeji Maharaj narrating to Paramhansas that in the present time when we have received Other Form of Shree Narnarayandev as Shree Narnarayandev Desh Pithadhipati of Ahmedabad Desh, we should do and act as per the wish and desire of Dev. So on the basis of this Vachanamrit, a change can be effected that, Auchhav Mandal may



perform Auchhav in Sabha Mandap and may have break when the Sabha starts and may resume and complete the remaining Auchhav after the Sabha is over. This will win pleasure of Maharaj and Sabha).

We have got together in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev. In stead of praising each other, let us hail and praise the saints who are continuing the live tradition of performing Vicharan in villages and who have been nourishing Satsang through Katha-Varta and collecting and depositing Naam-Dharmado in Kothar of Dev. Many of these saints are not so learned and neither are they so old in age and so they are doing a great thing. Compared to these saints, we know very well as to how much work our sons and daughters do for Satsang.

While honouring saint of Aadiwada- There are two-four villages of Prasadi in this area. There are small temples and there are many Things of Prasadi in these temples. Many a times, while going to such places, it feels that, in stead of more shining of big temples, there should be small temples with idol images of deities installed in these villages. While honouring Shree Rang Swami, our these elder saints

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in themselves are like history. When Mahant Swami of our this Ahmedabad temple comes to offer a garland, it appears this saint is Our Guru because I have learnt so many things from this saint. We learn so many things from our elder saints and devotees and we also learn so many things even from young children.

All praise to these saints, who really care and crave for Satsaag, Maharaj and Haribhaktas and therefore they take initiative and remain busy for Vicharan. In one of the villages, an issue was raised with regard to very less number of saints. We replied that, our one saint is equal to 40 saints and even then he is busy for the work of Dev only. The figures and numbers do not matter in this world. An army or things or resources do not do anything on their own. Recently in a meeting held with leading Kothari Haribhaktas of each village, it was revealed that as many as 35 projects of new temples are going on under Shree Narnarayandev Desh Diocese and this figure does not include the number of projects of renovation of old temples. There is one temple in Melbourne in Australia and another one is being developed at a distance of this temple, and so we are going there and resultantly we would not be able to remain present on the occasion of Janm-Divas of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. I may not be present physically but I will be present mentally! Birthday could have been celebrated earlier but since the day has been fixed six months ago, now it is not possible to change it. This Utsav of Janmotsav will be celebrated under the auspices of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Recently in one campus as many as 300 young students were availing the benefit of Satsang in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. So this seat is not the seat for personal nourishment. It is very difficult to become Guru. Nobody except Shree Narnarayandev can become Guru.

In the world difficulty is that, there are so many so called Gurus, who simply sit idly upon Gadi, people would bow down at their feet, and they would preach the sermons the way they want and this would continue. But this is not so in Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Maharaj has interwoven the tradition of Acharya alongwith saints and Haribhaktas. So if would go, we would have one more temple and future of Dev and Satsang is there in it.

In America, project of 09 temples is going on. You may be knowing about the project namely 'Devasya' which is going to be developed in 535 acre of land, which is four times bigger than Disneyland. At present there 24 temples in America, 05 temples in Australia, 12 temples in U.K., Sweden, Europe etc. There have been and there will be temples. All this is being done for Dev only. We are telling this because you and your future generations will be proud to be a part of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese. Even for this much of progress achieved so far, we have not demanded anything from anybody. Whatever amount is being offered, Rs.500/-, Rs.5,000/-, Rs.5,00,000/- or even Rs.5/- we take care and ensure that this amount is utilized even for a small devotee and for preserving the future generations. The fact is that, nobody is beggar under the auspices of Shree Narnarayandev. Our Nand saints like Brahmanand Swami, Anandanand Swami were very rich enjoying great kingdoms. And this is history of our Sampradaya and not a myth. But they abandoned everything, when they received Maharaj. They started walking with Maharaj. How proud they must be! How ardently they would have loved our Maharaj!! And How proud they must have felt being loved by Maharaj Himself!!!

The point at issue is that nobody under auspices of Shree Narnarayandev is being

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weighed against money or wealth. These many projects have been done and more such projects will be undertaken. Museum has been developed, Utsav-Samaiya have been celebrated, but our work is not stopped. Among big projects, 08 million dollars in New York, 'Devasya' worth 20 million dollars etc. I am not so accurate in mathematical calculation so do not learn it from me. Even while studying, I used to mug up Mathematics, which at that time was being laughed at, and I used to obtain 70 marks. But this did not continue anymore and in stead of bluffing, I left it. But even at the age of 13-14 years, I was performing Vicharan in villages for Satsang. Gradually Yuvak Mandal was started. Distant places, clumsy uneven roads and scarcity of vehicles would strike 1.00 or 2.00 at midnight when we would return home. What is to be kept in mind is that, there is so much of worth to be learnt from Bhagwan and Satsang. Yes, learning and education are absolutely essential for earning our livelihood. Even about 15-16 educational institutions are being run by us and so there is no protest or objection against it. But this is my personal opinion. During the six months of the last financial year, Narnarayandev Diocese has offered as many as twenty six crore rupees for projects of renovation of old temples as well as developing new temples. Do you know this? Had we come to you demanding? But this is your money only. Is it mine? Nothing is free even electricity and fans cost too much. But it is to be ensured by Guru that your money is utilized properly. There are people, who are fond of kicking others. But we should remember that, only living beings are kicked. Have you seen any dead body being kicked? Our Narnarayandev Desh is living and so work is being done and this work is being done for Dev. I do not do everything. Our saints work hard days and nights. Our

Haribhaktas render the services of their mind, body and money. Otherwise who cares for whom in this year 2017? I am not happy to see the crowd. But I am happy to see that people have thronged together to perform divine Darshan of Deity on the occasion of utsav. Some time ago, I was telling H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj that, before 25-30 years, one could get a seat in Sabha or temple on the occasion of Patotsav or Gurupurnima. But now this is not possible and this shows that, more and more people are cherishing more and more affection towards Deity. Guru Purnima is just a reason. We have our responsibilities and duties to be performed as a part of Dev. We have been performing our duties and there cannot be any praise for it. I do not intend to deliver any lecture but I speak because I cherish ardent affection in my heart. Never forget that our unity is due to blessings of Shree Narnarayandev only.

In fact I do not believe in preaching anything. But it is my ardent request that never leave our Dev. You do not involve yourself in preaching petty things to your children as to what to eat, what not to eat because they will learn it when they would be intelligent. What is important is to impart Samskaras of our Sampradaya. So teach them not to leave our Dev. We owe everything we have to this Dev and all the progress and development that has been achieved so far is due to your co-operation and support only. Saints are to be praised for that. So clap for these saints. Now clap for our young children. This is our family. But be alert. People may not see our progress out of their jealousy. Be careful that, such people do not make us away from our Dev in order to join them. Donot be tempted by anything. So be alert about it. It is an humble prayer at lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, all may become happy.



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Idol image of Shiv-Parvati Hall No.1

Today feeling of getting respect in stead of paying respect to others is becoming stronger and stronger in the field of Dharma. Shree Hari has propogated that Sadachar (noble conduct) is the base of Dharma. Respect to all religion is the base of Swaminarayan Dharma. Shikh, Christians, Jains, Muslims - all people have sought shelter of Swaminarayan Bhagwan without bar of any religion.

As per Shloka-46 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri', Brahmins should not abandon Tripund and Rudraksh. As per Shloka-47 one should see Oneness in Narayan and Shivji. As per Shloka-23 Shivalaya etc. should be offered respectful Namaskar. As per Shloka-84, poojan of Panchdev such as Shiv-Parvati should be performed. As per Shloka-149, poojan of Shivji should be performed with Bilvapatra etc. during the pious Shravan maas. As per Shloka-79, Vrata of Shivratri should be performed. All these directions have been given by Shree Hari to the devotees for strict compliance. These directions only express the noble feelings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan towards other religions and provide an example of generosity.

This Sampradaya believes in action. Idol images of Shiv-Parvati have been invoked in our Junagadh temple. There is Shiv Linga beside Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad temple. As per the directions of Shree Hari, there is no Dosh of Anyashraya in listening and understanding importance of Shiv-Parvati.

In Kothamba villages, Shree Hari himself has performed poojan of idol image of Shiv-Parvati. Divine Darshan of this idol image of Prasadi can be performed in our Museum. Parvatiji is Shakti Aadhyaswaroopaa and Jagat-Janani and this Shivji is always Samadhista. We are lucky to have divine Darshan of the idol images whose pooja-archa is performed by Shree Hari. So all the devotees may perform divine Darshan of idol image cherishing utmost Bhakti. Shivji, who offered Sathvo to Nilkanthvarni in the forest, and who Himself is worshipped by Shreeji Maharaj, is present in our this Museum so all the devotees may perform divine Darshan understanding importance.

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel



List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna-July-17

- Rs.2,25,000/- Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Nandlalbhai Kothari (Bhalja Mandal) Ahmedabad 4th Punyatithi Ashadh Vad-04 all devotees cherishing utmost affection.
- Rs.11,000/- Arun Dadhanian- Jaipur.
- Rs.5,001/- Ghanshyambhai Ambalal Thakkar-Shahpur (Ahmedabad).
- Rs.5,000/- Devotee Shri Minaben K. Joshi-Bopal-Ahmedabad.
- Rs.5,000/- One devotee.

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

- 13/07/2017 Shri Dakshaben and Jitenbhai Vaghasiya-Naranpur and Nishaben and Dipenkumar Patel-America.
- 20/07/2017 Shri Harishbhai Shamji Varsani-Madhapar Kachchh - at present Boldon wife Hinaben and daughter Dhrusa and son Shivan.
- 23/07/2017 (Morning) Shri Dilip Khimjibhai Halai through Khimjibhai \Bhimji Halati and Pushpaben and Mita and Hiren.
(Afternoon) Shree Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal - Himatnagar through Mahant Swami, Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar.
- 29/07/2017 Shri Rajeshkumar Bhaktibhai Patel - Ghatlodia.
- 30/07/2017 (Morning) Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal- Ranip
(Afternoon) Shri Parshottamdas Joitaram Patel (Dasbhai) (Mansawala) Ahmedabad.
(Evening) Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal- Sabarmati.

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

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

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

HINDOLA OF JETALPURDHAM

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

મુલાવું ધીરે નાથજીને મુલાવું ધીરે

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ગરજે ગંભીરે, નાથજીને મુલાવું ધીરે.

When it comes the month of Ashadh, there starts thundering of the clouds in the sky, there is rain everywhere followed by lush-green greenery everywhere, what is remembered by a Bhakta of Bhagwan? Certainly Bhagwan and devotees offer beautiful Hindola to Bhagwan.

Such a nice feeling was once cherished by the devotees of Jetalpur. devotee Aasjibhai and other devotees of Jetalpur thought about organized a grand Yagna and offering Hindola to Thakorji. Devotees started all preparations for implementing this divine thought. There was a banyan tree in Vadi. So strings were tied at one branch of the banyan tree. When the feelings are noble, everything happens in a grand way. All devotees prepared a very beautiful Hindola. A golden Kalash was placed at the top of Hindola. It was decorated with silky beautiful cushion and other decorative material. After preparing the grand and beautifully artistic Hindola, all the devotees ardently requested Shreeji Maharaj to grace Hindola by sitting on it. Accepting the ardent request of the devotees, Shreeji Maharaj sat upon the Hindola and all the devotees started stretching the string tied

in the middle of one end of the Hindola.

Haribhaktas had also brought umpteen number of garlands of various types of flowers. There were so many garlands brought by the devotees that, it was not possible to wear all the garlands and so some garlands were held at the top of the stick held in the hand by Shreeji Maharaj. Many other garlands were offered upon Hindola and some other garlands were accepted by Shreeji Maharaj Himself.

Thereafter, Anandanand Swami stood up and started swinging the Hindola. Somla Khachar and Sura Khachar were standing near Hindola holding Chamar in their hands. Other devotees started singing kirtan accompanied by musical instruments.

મુલો હરિ હિંડોળે વ્હાલા,

નટવર નંદતાણા લાલા... મુલો

સરસ શ્રદ્ધુ શ્રાવણની સારી,

મુલાવાને આવી વ્રજનારી,

મુલો પ્યારા પ્રીતમ ગીરધારી.... મુલો

મુલાવું હેત કરી રસિયા,

તમે મારા અંતરમાં વસિયા,

પ્રેમાનંદના પ્યારા રસિયા.... મુલો

There was Puspa-vristi from the sky and devotees were singing Kirtan loudly with utmost devotion in their heart. Garlands of Prasadi were offered to devotees by two of the saints.

Dear friends! Such a beautiful and wonderful Hindola Darshan is being organized even today in our temples so never miss to perform divine Darshan of this Hindola.

MIRACLE OF SPECIAL NIYAM

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Oh!!! How beautiful is this time. Varsha Ritu (monsoon season) is considered to be Saatvik Ritu. And this period of four months is considered the time of Chatur Maas to

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perform special Bhajan-Bhakti. Ishtadev Shree Hari has directed all the devotees and Haribhaktas to take any one special niyam. Accordingly, all the devotees must have taken one or the other special Niyam and they must also be following it. While talking about special niyam I got reminded of one beautiful talk. Let's cherish it.

There were four friends. They were fast friends. All these four friends took four different Niyams. While taking Niyams, each of them took due care that it was simple and easy to follow. First friend took niyam 'Not to eat rice'. In fact, his economic condition was so bad that, he was not in a position to purchase rice. Second friend took niyam 'Not to eat without taking bath'. Now river was flowing very close to his house and so it was very easy for him to take bath. Third friend took niyam 'Not to eat onion and lissan'. In fact he was doing business of vegetables. Forth friend was very intelligent and so he took niyam, 'Not to any type of daan of grain, water, money to anybody'.

Time passed. All the four friends have been observing their Niyam, as it is very easy and convenient to them. After a week or two Bhagwan thought about testing these friends.

Marriage of the son of Sheth of the village of these friends was to be organized. Nagarsheth invited the whole village. There was grand feast organized on this auspicious occasion. Various types of dishes were prepared. The first friend was present in the feast. His attention got attracted towards daal and rice which were prepared so nicely leaving a sweet and delicious smell all around. So that friend got tempted and ate rice and daal. Result was that he failed in the test of Bhagwan.

Now it was the test of second friend. A Check-dam was constructed over the river

passing by his house. Resultantly the river dried up. Now it was a distant place to go to take bath. This second friend, as he was lazy, started eating before taking bath. Result was that he also failed in the test of Bhagwan.

Now it was the test of third friend. It started very heavy rain in the area from where vegetables were being brought. All the grown vegetables were drowned. The only vegetables which could be saved were onion and lissan. Now what to do? So this friend started eating onion and lissan. Result was that even he also failed in the test of Bhagwan.

Now it was the test of fourth friend. He was very intelligent and he had taken such an smart niyam which cannot be broken even the odd times of his life. Bhagwan came to his house in the form of a Brahmin. The fourth friend, who was talking with his son at that time, asked his son strictly not to give anything to this Brahmins, as he had to follow his Niyam very strictly. The son of the fourth friend refused to give anything to Brahmin. But Brahmin was standing adamantly.

Fourth friend thought that, this Brahmin would not go away easily so he must perform drama of being dead and Brahmin would go away and his Niyam can remain intact. So he told his son that he would prefer to die than to break his Niyam. He asked his son to pretend to start crying and he himself would pretend as if he is dead. Both the father and the son started the drama of the death. But Brahmin was still adamant. When Brahmin heard about the death of the Sheth, he told his son that, he would accompany him to perform the last rituals. When the son told this in the ears of Sheth, the friend asked him to continue his drama and asked his son to

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA 'WE NEED TO DECIDE HOW TO REACH IN ANY SITUATION' (AT THE TIME OF SATSANG SABHA OF EKADASHI, KALUPUR TEMPLE-HAVELI)

- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal Ghodasar

We can do any work only if we have energy in our body. Like physical strength there is also 'Atma Shakti' due to this power we are able to think. Just there happens decrease-increase in our physical strength and realize it, there also happens decrease-increase in our Atma Shakti. But if we want to know about it we should perceive, if there is increase in our noble feelings of 'Daya', 'Santrusti', 'Shanti', 'Paropkar', 'Shuddh Aachran', there is increase in our Atma Shakti. And when we are pushed towards 'Lalach', 'Irshya', 'Krodh' etc. we should understand that our Atma Shakti is decreasing. One more thing, when we expect anything from others, then also our Atma Shakti is decreasing. We expect from our near and dear ones that they listen to us, they talk with us, they understand us and when this expectation is not fulfilled our 'Atma Shakti' is decreased.

With the pain in any part of our body our physical strength is decreased. Similarly, when we get offended, our 'Atma Aishwarya' is decreased. So we should not expect anything from anybody and we should always check and test ourselves in order to know whether our 'Atma Shakti' is increasing or decreasing. When we get our physical body examined through medical check up, we come to know about the health status of our body, whether percentage of red cells or white cells of our blood has decreased or increased. When we find that, proportion of some of the elements in our body is not proper, we become unhappy and our 'Atma Shakti' is decreased. There are certain noble deeds which also pinch us. For example we become unhappy when a person does not respond properly to us during our hard times, despite the fact that during the hard

times of that person we have helped him a lot. We expect befitting rewards of our noble deeds. So we should also forget the noble deeds done by us. Because if we remember them, we would be unhappy.

Our mental condition becomes dependant upon outer conditions and circumstances beyond our control. We come across different types of people and we get varied types of experiences as well. Sometimes we become unhappy, sometimes we get offended with others for their rude behaviour, sometimes we become angry upon others - all these outer situations and circumstances bring change in our mental condition and when we become unhappy, our 'Atma Shakti' is reduced. So why to hand over the control of our mind to others? If we do so, they become master of our mind.

So if we decide how to react in any situation or condition, our 'Atma Shakti' will increase. Let us not allow our mind to be controlled by others like remote controller of our television. Now, if we utter abusing words to others, they will reach to this differently. If we observe them, one will react to our abusing words, another will be calm and the third person will react at some other time and the fourth one would not react at all. So reaction of all these persons is different and this is the proof that, we can decide for ourselves how to react in such situation. This is so because we are living beings and not an inanimate thing of object. We are not machines, because machines do not have brain and so they do not act on their own. They require a command from outside force.

Sometimes, we react hastily and get offended immediately. And our hasty reaction deteriorates the situation. Later on we realize that, it would have been better if we would have remained peaceful. Sometimes, we also feel that it would have been better if we would have spoken some words instead of remaining silent. This happens because unknowingly we have given the control of our mind to others and resultantly they started controlling our mind.

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This also reduces our thinking capacity and so we are not able to decide at that time.

When nothing is in our control, we leave everything in the hands of Bhagwan. Though Bhagwan tests us for some time, He may give us some hard times, but He would never do bad to us.

Sometimes, Justice is delayed by Parmatma but it is never denied. We need to continue to cherish our faith and wait for the appropriate time. Even before reacting to others or punishing others, we should think what do we want to do? And what will be its result? If we think, at least 50% of damage would be prevented. It is prayer at lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, He may grant all of us to increase our 'Atma Shakti'.

'ABHIMAAN' - PRIDE IS ENTRANCE-GATE OF HELL

- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

The word 'Abhimaan' is derived from the word 'Maan'. 'Maan' in itself is Doshas but when you give it to others - it is transformed into 'Sanmaan'. On the contrary when this it is reverted to ourselves it is transformed into 'Abhimaan'. Now this 'Abhimaan' is great Dosh. 'Ahankar', 'Darp', 'Garv', 'Mada', 'Aham', 'Maan' are its synonyms.

'Abhimaan' is the mother of all other inner evils. In 6th Vachanamrit of Loya Chapter, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan says 'Dehabhimaan Roop is Dosh. And all Doshas are residing there. So if this is abandoned, Dosh is removed. Therefore, Shreeji Maharaj has directed not to cherish the company of a proud person. Because in the company of proud person, we also become proud and all other Doshas enter in us.

There was a sculptor. He used to prepare and carve our wonderful idol images and so he was very proud of his art of sculpting. He prepared nine idol images like himself. They

appeared exactly like the sculptor. Now the sculptor thought that even Yamdut would be confused and mistaken in identifying the real sculptor. One day Yamdutas came there. But they were confused to see ten sculptors instead of one sculptor. The returned to Yampuri and narrated this thing to Yamraja and brought Him back to earth with them. Even Yamraja was confused in identifying the real sculptor. Now in order to identify the real sculptor, Yamraja stood in front of all the ten sculptors and told them, he is very much pleased with the wonderful art and skill of the real sculptor and he intends to offer him a prize for it. Listening this, the real sculptor came forward and told Yamraja that, he had prepared this nine idol images. Now listening to his own praise and induced by his pride, this sculptor came forward. The proud person always like to be praised. Later on Yamdutas brought sculptor to Yampuri. And therefore there is saying that: 'Abhimaan' - Pride is entrance-gate of Hell.

'IT WOULD BE GREAT THING, IF WE CAN RECOGNIZE BHAGWAN'

- Labhuben Manubhai Patel (Kundal, Tal.Kadi)

Village Balol is situated in Bhal region, eight kms. Inside from Limbdi-Bagodara highway. Devidan was born in Charan family of the village. Right from the early childhood, Devidan liked to go to the temple to perform divine Darshan, to perform Bhajan etc. there was a temple of Ankleshwar Mahadev at a distance from the village. Jijibhai - the father of Devidan - used to render services of Sewa-pooja in the temple. Once the father had to go outside so he asked his son Devidan to perform poojan-archan of Mahadevi in the temple. It was one month long outstation stay.

So Devidan started performing poojan-archan of Mahadevi. Everyday he used to offer Bilipatra and perform Abhishek with milk, water

For the whole Satsang Samaj

All the devotees and Haribhaktas who are rendering their services of things, objects or cash amount in any of our temples with dome may obtain its receipt invariably. To offer Bhet without receipt would amount to disobeying the directions of Shreeji Maharaj and therefore whatever services are rendered in the temple, its receipt may be obtained invariably.

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etc. He used to perform pooja with ardent faith. So Shivji being pleased with his ardent Bhakti, granted him divine Darshan and blessed him that he would get divine Darshan of Sarvopari Shree Purushottam Narayan as Bhagwan Himself would grace your village and grant you divine Darshan. At this, Devidan asked the question, "How will I be able to identify Bhagwan?" Mahadevji replied that, Bhagwan will be able to touch His elbow at His tongue.

Now Devidan was eagerly waiting for Bhagwan. After the waiting of so many years, the time came. Shreeji Maharaj completed Yagna of Jetalpur and graced the village Balol accompanied by the saints and devotees. The whole village thronged together. Shreeji Maharaj graced the house of Raiya Khatana. The devotee Raiya Khatana offered Thuli and milk to Maharaj and Maharaj accepts in the sabha. While drinking milk, it spills over the

elbow and Bhagwan is tasting and wiping it with the tongue. Devidan saw this and he became alert. Devidan understood that this was Bhagwan only; whereas other villages ignored him making fun of the way the milk was being drunk by him. Bhagwan performed this Leela in order to grant divine Darshan to Devidan only.

Devidan came to Maharaj and told that now he would always remain with Him. Devidan also introduced himself and told Maharaj that they have very ancient acquaintance with each other. Maharaj smiled and granted him Bhagwati Diksha and he was renamed as Devanand Swami.

This village Balol is village of Rajput Darbar, who cherish ardent faith towards Shree Narnarayandev, Muli Shree Radhakrishnadev and Dharmkul. Here Janm-sthan-Smarak of Sadguru Devanand Swami has been developed.

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carry his body to the public place of the village where last ritual of dead person are performed.

The message of the death of Sheth spread in the whole village. People got together and all brought the body of Sheth at the public place of last ritual. The moment the son tried to offer fire to the body of Sheth, Brahmin stopped him and extinguished the fire-stick held by him in his hand and granted divine Darshan to Sheth

Friends! first three friends failed in the test but the last and fourth friend passed in the test of Bhagwan though his special

Niyam was not proper. But he was firm in observing his Niyam and so he got divine Darshan of Bhagwan.

So if we take any one Niyam of our choice from the eight Niyams prescribed in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and if we follow it so religiously cherishing utmost faith, we would also obtain pleasure of Bhagwan.

So if any of you have forgotten to take any special Niyam, take any special Niyam and start observing it religiously considering it the directions of Shreeji Maharaj and you will obtain the pleasure of Maharaj.

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**Celebration of Guru Purnima
Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan
temple, Kalupur**

Sarvopari Sarvavatari Purna Purushottam Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan established the divine tradition of this Sampradaya in Dev, Acharya, Saintha and haribhakta. Established Two Gadi in Two Desh and got seated His two adopted sons n this seat of Acharaya in divine Dharmakul and established Dharmavanshi Acharya Maharaj as Guru of the whole Sampradaya and directed all the devotees and the whole Sampradaya to always remain under the directions of Acharya. In this tradition today H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj as the 7th successor of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is sitting as Acharya of the whole Sampradaya.

On the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima, H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj celebrated Guru Purnima Mahotsav celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the presence of the saints, Mahants of various places and large number of devotees and Haribhaktas.

In the morning at 8.00 hours, thousands of haribhaktas performed Samaiyu of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj amidst music of Sharanai and Dhoon. Thereafter, all the Three Other Forms of Shree Hari performed Shringar aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and graced the Sabha

organized on the occasion. Swasti vachan was performed by the Brahmins in Vedic tradition. Saints and Haribhaktas performed group aarti. Saints who had arrived from various places offered garlands and performed poojan-archan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thereafter, devotees and haribhaktas, who were standing in a queue in discipline and with peace, performed poojan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Beautiful arrangement for this divine occasion was made with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji by their Saint Mandal Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Sadguru Swami Haricharandasji (Kalol), Bhandari J.P. Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami, Yogi Shastri Muni Swami, Bhakti Swami, Hari Swami.

The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) and Shastri Narayan Muni Swami and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Shastri Swami Narayan Munidas)

**Celebration of 20th Prakatyotsav of
our Future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri
Vrajendrprasadji Maharaj**

In the pious company of Bharatkhand Adhithata Rajadhiraj Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev, 20th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the pious company of 6th successor of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on the pious day of Ashad Vad-10 on Wednesday 19/07/2017.

In the morning at 8.00 hours H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the temple and saints and haribhaktas performed grand Samaiyu. Thereafter H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Shangaar aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and graced the

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Sabha. Thereafter Brahmins performed Swasti Vachan in Vedic tradition. Thereafter elder saints and trustees and Board Members of the temple performed group aarti. Young saints of Kalpur, Jetalpur, Chhapaiya, Naranghat, Mehsana, Approach, Gandhinagar, Anjali, Vadnagar, Himatnagar, Dholka, Idar, Sapawada, Bavla, Bopal etc. temples expressed their noble feelings on this pious occasion of 20th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

On this occasion, vimochan of Parna-3 of Shree Narnarayandev Religious Examination publication was done by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj alongwith other saints. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj narrated divine incident of Akshar Nivasi H.H. Shri Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj about utmost love and affection being cherished by Dharmkul towards the saints. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj expressed the noble feelings and blessed all the saints and devotees.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj could not remain present on this occasion due to ongoing pilgrimage and Vicharan to Australia but even then H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj praised the saints for expressing their noble feelings on this pious occasion of 20th Prakatyotsav.

The whole programme was organized under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple wherein Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Bhandari J.P. Swami, Yogi Swami, Shastri Muni Swami, Bhakti Swami and Hari Swami and saint Mandal of Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple made their beautiful efforts for the grand success. Saints and haribhaktas, who had arrived from various places, expressed their noble feelings. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) and Shastri Swami

Narayanmunidasji. At last all the saints and haribhaktas were offered divine Prasad. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this divine occasion. (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji, Kalupur)

Grand Hindola Darshan in Ahmedabad Kalupur Shree Swaminarayan temple

Continuing divine tradition started by Sarvavatari Shreeji Maharaj, beautiful and artistic Hindola Darshan of various types like dry fruits, flowers, chocolate etc. were offered to Thakorji from Ashadh Vad-02 till Shravan -02 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. Under the guidance of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and with the inspiration of Kothari J.K. Swami, Poojari Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji and saints mandal, many devotees rendered their services as the hosts of Hindola Darshan. Various types of Hindola were offered to Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyuam Maharaj in Aksharbhuvan. (Yogi Swami- Kothar)

Assistance by temples of Shree Narnarayandev Desh to flood affected people of Banaskantha area

Due to heavy rains and floods, many villages such as Dhanera, Thara, Rui, Khariya of Banaskantha district of Gujarat have been devastated and thousands of people have become homeless. Thousands of people have been drowned in the flood and many animals have died.

Sarvopari Shree Hari has also directed in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' to help the poor and the distressed people. Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was on pilgrimage to Australia and England and so after knowing about the news about the heavy rains and floods, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj talked telephonically with H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj directed Mahants and saints of each temple to provide food packets and other essential things to the flood affected people to lessen

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the miseries of the distressed people.

Assistance of more than one lac rupees and food packets and other essential things were provided to the above affected villages by our temples of Kalupur, Jetalpur, Dholka, Shree Swaminarayan Museum, Kankaria, Naranghat, Naranpura, Bopal, Jivrajpark.

Under the guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Bhandari J.P. Swami etc. saint mandal had prepared the food packets. Moreover, mahant Swami of each temple had also prepared the food packets. While carrying the food packets and other essential commodities Kothari J.K. Swami, Vasudev Swai (Kankaria), S.S. Swami (Dholka), Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Banaskantha and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Ahmedabad had distributed the same to the flood affected in the area. (Atul Patel - Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Katha Parayan during pious Chatur Maas in village Thara (Banaskantha)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda Tridinatmak Parayan was organized at Thara, Dist. Banaskantha from 21/07/2017 to 23/07/2017 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) as the spokesperson. Devotees of Thara, Deesa, Diyodar, Bhabhar villages of Banaskantha district availed the benefit of divine Kathamrit. On the occasion of concluding ritual of Parayan Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji, Sadguru Swami Rajendraprasaddasji, Shasti Hari Swami and Swami Jayvallabhdasji had arrived and had performed aarti of concluding ritual of Parayan and had explained the importance of Shree Hari and

Dharmkul. The whole occasion was celebrated with the support and co-operation of the whole village. The whole programme was conducted by Sadguru Kothari Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji. (Dilipbhai Thakkar-Diyodar)

Vanvicharan Panchanh Parayan by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, Shree Nilkanthvarni Vanvicharan Ratriya Panchanh Parayan was organized from 17/07/2017 to 21/07/2017 during the pious Chatur Maas at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal with Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Anjali temple) as the spokesperson. Thousands of devotees of the nearby places availed the benefit of this Katha. In the beginning of the Katha Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was organized. Thereafter Group aarti was performed. Here devotees get together in the temple on every pious day of Agiyaras and perform Mahamantra Dhoon. During Katha, Prasad was offered to all the devotees. Many devotees rendered the services as the hosts of this Parayan. (Kothari-Mandal)

Celebration of 171st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar

With the blessings of Parbrahm Parmatma Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji of the temple, 171st Patotsv of Shree Gopinathji Harikrishna Maharaj of the temple was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On 03/06/2017 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the temple with saints and

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Parshadsand performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. Thereafter, aarti of Yagna-Mahapooja was also performed. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the host devotee of the Patotsav devotee Shri Janakbhai Gokaldas Patel (Lavapurwala) and his family performed poojan-archan, aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Among the saints Mahant Swami of Kalpur temple, Kothari J.K. Swami, and saints from Naranghat, Jetalpur, Gandhinagar, Vadnagar and Jetalpur temples had explained the importance of Shree Hari and Dharmvanshi. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. (Kothari Jayvallabhdasji)

Satsang activity in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and the with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpur temple, 04 hours' Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon was organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees) Kaliyana on the occasion of 20th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Sankhya Yogi Babuba has been narrating beautiful Katha during the pious Chatur Maas whose benefit is being availed by many ladies devotees. Grand Hindola Darshan of Thakorji is also being organized. Large number of ladies devotees of the village avail the benefit of Bhajan-Kirtan-Dhoon in the temple. (all devotees of the village Kaliyana)

Panchanh Parayan by Mahila Mandal in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aslali

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Bachiba,

Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan was organized from 27/06/2017 to 01/07/2017 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aslali with Sankhya Yogi Narmadaba (Jetalpur) as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Aartiben Kaushikbhai Patel rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced Katha and blessed all the ladies devotees. All the pious occasions were celebrated during the Katha. On this occasion, Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Mahila Mandal, Aslali)

Satsang Sabha in village Gadha (Himatnagar)

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Premprakashdasji of Himatnagar temple and with the beautiful efforts of Kothari devotee Shri Kiritbhai A. Patel, grand Satsang Sabha was organized on the pious day of Guru Purnima on 09/07/2017 in Darbar Gadh. Mahant Swami of Himatnagar temple had explained the tradition of original Sampradaya and Shree Narnarayandev Gadi and Dev. (Jay M. Patel- Himatnagar)

MULI DESH

Guru Purnima Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mulidham

In the pious company of Paramkripalu Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and Sarvopari Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Guru Purnima Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in Sadguru Brahmanand Sabha Mandap on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima. With the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji, all the saints and Haribhaktas had performed poojan-archan of photo image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The saints had narrated the importance of Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion, thousands of

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Haribhaktas performed Guru Poojan and Darshan of Thakorji and availed the benefit of Prasad. Kothari Swami and other saints and Parshad Mandal of the temple had rendered inspirational services. (Parshad Bharat Bhagat)

Yatra from Dhrangadhra to Mulidham

With the blessings of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Bhaktiharidasji, Yatra in luxury bus was organized from Dhrangadhra to Mulidham by Swami Sarvajivhitavahdasji and devotees; they performed divine Darshan of Thakorji of Mulidham and availed the benefit of Dharmkul Poojan. (representative Anil Dudhrejiya)

153rd Patotsav of Shree

Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Bhaktiharidasji, 153rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra was celebrated on 01/07/2017 with great fervor and enthusiasm. The whole arrangement was made very beautifully by Swami Sarvajivhitavahdasji. Aarti of Patotsav and Annakut was performed by the saints. On this occasion Shastri Swami Bhaktiharidasji Swami and Saint Mandal had explained the importance of Bhagwan and Dharmkul. (representative Anilbhai Dudhrejiya-Dhrangadhra)

Guru Purnima Utsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranjitgadh

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of

Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktiharidasji, poojan-archan of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima at Shree Harikrishnadham, Ranjitgadh wherein large number of saints and devotees and haribhaktas participated. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Swami Bhaktiharidasji, Sarvajivhitavah Swami of Dhrangadhra temple, Dharmjivan Swami of Morbi temple etc. saints had explained tradition of Dharmkul and its importance. Utsav concluded with Mahaprasad. (representative Anilbhai-Dhrangadhra)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken, America (I.S.S.O.)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Narnarayandesasji, Shree Ghanshyam bal Charitra Tridinatmak Katha was organized with Brahmchari Swami Pavitranandji as the spokesperson on the occasion of 30th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken. Chief host of Patotsav devotee Shri Ambalal Nandas Patel family (Vadu) through Govindbhai, co-host of Patotsav devotee Shri Patel Narandas Madhavdas family (Vadu) and devotee Shri Nitaben Jayendrabhai Patel and chief host of Katha devotee Shri Shardaben Amrutlal Patel, co-host of Katha devotee Shri Patel Revaben Ambalal and Patel Kalavatiben Vitthaldas etc. devotees and Haribhaktas had availed the divine benefit. Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by the saints in Vedic tradition. On this occasion Medical Camp was also organized wherein about 80 devotees availed the benefit of Medical Check-up. Devotee Shri Kaushikbhai-Dipikaben

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Majumdar had offered Bhet of beautiful necklace to Thakorji. Saints from various places had narrated the importance of Sarvopari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and Dharmkul. (Patel Baldevbhai)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia (I.S.S.O. America)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji of the temple, grand Amra Mahotsav was organized by the saints and haribhaktas in front of Thakorji in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 on last week-end Saturday of June-2017. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahamantra Dhoon- Kirtan of Amra Utsav were performed by the young devotees. Beautiful mangoes of various types were offered by the devotees in the throne of Thakorji on this divine occasion and whose Prasad was offered to all the devotees. Many devotees who rendered their services as the host, co-host of this occasion were honoured with garland by Mahant Swami. At last Jan Mangal Path, Hanuman Chalisa, Sandhya Aarti, Thaal and Nitya Niyam were performed followed by Prasad. (Prvainbhai Shah)

Bhoomi Poojan of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nashville Tennessee

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Satyaswaroopdsji and with the beautiful co-operation of haribhaktas of Shree Narnarayandev, Bhoomi Poojan of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nashville Tennessee was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj wherein more than about 700 devotees remained present.

On this occasion Katha was organized from 19/05/2017 to 21/05/2017 with Shastri Swami Satyaswaroopdasji as the spokesperson.

After the ritual of Bhoomi-poojan, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj praised the devout services rendered by the donors, members of the Committee and all other devotees and haribhaktas and blessed them and prayed to Shree Narnarayandev for early completion of the temple. Regular Sabha is being organized in Nashville. Similarly Sabha is also being organized regularly in new Chapter Bolingreen of I.S.S.O. (President Manaharbhai Patel- Nash Ville)

6th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta (Georgia) (I.S.S.O. America)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 6th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this divine occasion, Tridinatmak Parayan was organized from 15/06/2017 to 17/06/2017 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Chicago) as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Rakeshbhai Amaratbhai Patel (Kundal, kadi) rendered the services as the chief-host of Parayan. On this occasion, grand Pothiyatra was also organized in the presence of saints and haribhaktas. On this occasion Deep Pragatya was performed by the elder haribhaktas.

On this occasion, devotees rendered their beautiful services for construction of 'Devasya' project to be developed upon the 500 acre of acquired land at Virginia as noble concept of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. During the occasion, Sabha was conducted by Shastri K.P. Swami.

Mahant Shree Muktajivan Swami and Saint Mandal had performed concluding

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ritual of Group Mahapooja organized on this occasion. Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji, Annakut, Group Aarti were also performed whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Children had performed beautiful cultural programme.

Sadguru Jishnucharan Swami of Muli temple had offered Swaroop of Thakorji as Bhet to all the children. The Spokesperson had offered Murti of Shree Hari as Prasadi to the host devotees. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion, performed aarti of Thakorji and graced the Sabha organized on the occasion and blessed all the host devotees by offering them Kanthi.

President Shri Dakshesh Patel had delivered the vote of thanks in which he had hailed and praised the beautiful services rendered by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Yuvati Mandal, services rendered in the kitchen and also thanked all the saints who arrived and blessed this occasion. At last all the devotees performed divine Darshan of Annakut of Thakorji and availed the benefit of Prasad. (Rajani Patel)

2nd Patotsav of Vadtaldham Shree Swaminarayan temple, Allen Town (I.S.S.O. America)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 2nd Patotsav of Vadtaldham Shree Swaminarayan temple, Allen Town was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the presence of saints.

On this occasion Panchdinatmak Katha of Paracha Prakaran by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized with Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji as the spokesperson. In the morning on Sunday, Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by the saints. Many devotees availed the benefit of Ahangaar aarti.

President Shri Bhikhabhai Patel family and the co-host devotee families also rendered their beautiful services during this Patotsav.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham temple, Purnanand Swami (Boston), Vivek Swami, D.V. Swami, Satsangibhusan Swami, Brahmchari Swami Pavitrnanandji, D.K. Swami etc. saint mandal had narrated talks about importance of Saropari Shree Hari and Dharmkul. All the devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured with garlands by the saints. President Shri Bhikhabhai had delivered the vote of thanks. (Pravin Shah)

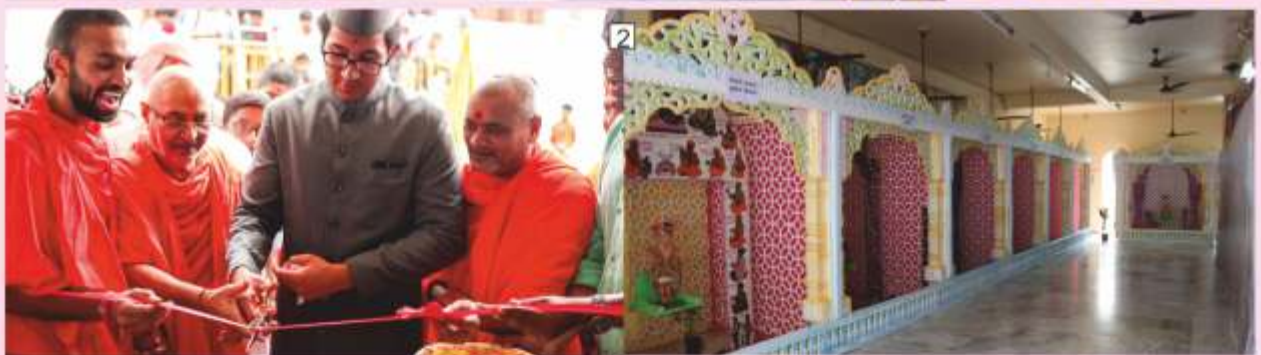
Rath Yatra and Hindola Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan (I.S.S.O. America)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Nilkanthdas of the temple, grand Rathyatra of Thakorji was organized by the saints and devotees on Saturday 24/06/2017 which passed on the main roads amidst Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan and Raas-Garba. Host devotees Shri Mukesh Patel and his brother devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Patel and other co-host devotees performed poojan of Rathyatra.

All the devotees were offered divine Prasad on this occasion. At last, devotees and Bhudev and host family and devotees rendering services for Rathyatra performed aarti Jagatnath Bhagwan. During the pious Shravan maas, various types of beautiful and artistic Hindola Darshan was also offered to Thakorji was divine Darshan was performed by all the devotees and haribhaktas. In the evening, devotees performed Sandhya-aarti, Nitya Niyam and availed the benefit of Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

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(1) Hindola Darshan of Thakorji in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur and Mehsana. (2) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj inaugurating Hindola Darshan Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar Sector-2. (3) Mahant Swami and haribhaktas of Jetalpur temple distributing the food packets and essential commodities in Banaskantha district.

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on 45th Janmotsav of

H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj will perform Padyatra from Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur upto Jetalpur temple alongwith the saints and devotees on 30/09/2017, Saturday (Vijaya Dashmi)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul

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