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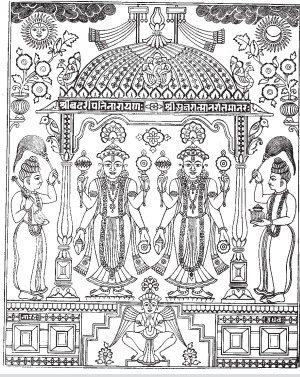
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EDITORIAL

There is population of millions of people on this earth. As per the latest news the total population of the world has crossed seven hundred million. There is no place to live for the people in the country like China. Fortunately this condition is better in our country. With the blessings of Shree Hari we have got happiness in both the worldly and spiritual life. We should always remember that, if we perform more *Bhajan*, we would we get more happiness in our life.

From 16th December pious *Dhanur Maas* is beginning. There would be performed Special *Dhoon* of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and *Dharmkul*. The impact of this *Dhoon* is such that, everybody gets absorbed in the divine atmosphere early in the morning. All the *Haribhaktas* residing in Ahmedabad city should avail the benefit of this divine *Dhoon*. Such a divine happiness would not be available anywhere else in this world. Therefore it is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Hari that, all of us pass the golden early morning time of the pious *Dhanur Maas* in chanting the name of the Lord.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 ShriKoshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

(November-2011)



1. Graced the village Vihar on the occasion of Parayan.
2. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Ambalal Maherdas Patel, Gandhinagar.
3. Graced the village Aantroli on the occasion of Patotsav and Parayan. Graced Shibir organized at Shree Sahjanand Gurukul Koteshwar, Gandhinagar.
4. Graced the village Vavol on the occasion of Parayan.
5. Graced 'Shrimad Satsangijivan Saptah Parayan' organized by the devotee Shri Ganpatram Shelat sir in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad.
6. Graced Satsang Yuva Shibir from morning till evening in Shree Sahjanand Gurukul , Koteshwar.
7. Performed Patotsav Abhishek of Shri Ranmahol Shri Ghandhyam Maharaj in Ahmedabd. Graced Parayan organized by the devotee Shri Chandubhai Khodidas family at village Kundal.
8. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Harshadbhai Soni, Navrangpura.
9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Siddhpur on the occasion of Patotsav. Graced Mandvi (Kachchh) in the evening.
10. Graced Mandvi (Kachchh).
11. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Kalyandas Narayandas Patel, Kadi on the occasion of Patotsav.
12. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar on the occasion of Patotsav Abhishek.
- 12 to 21 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Eldorate (East Africa, Kenya) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad on the occasion of 24 hours Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon.
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal on the occasion of Patotsav-Parayan.
25. Graced village Mathal (Mulidesh) on the occasion of Parayan organized by the devotee Shri Shri Narayanbhai Mistry (Jivrajparkwala).
- 26-27 Graced Bhachau (Kachchh).
28. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Amrutbhai Ganpatbhai Lalludas, Ramnagar (Kalol) on the occasion of Mahapooja.
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sector-2, Gandhinagar on the occasion of Patotsav.
30. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar, on the occasion of Patotsav.

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Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts
(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)
By Pravin S. Varsani

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Even those of my devotees who are *Atmanivedi* (who have entirely dedicated their lives to the service of God) like king Ambarisha, shall also perform the sequence of rituals as described above, up to the meditation upon Lord Shree Krishna.

Lord Swaminarayan distinguishes his two types of disciples – *Vaishnav Satsangis* and *Vaishavottam Atmanivedis*. The first are considered as ordinary devotees of Vishnu where as the second kind are much more advanced and dedicated in their devotion. The next *Shlokas* discuss the duties of these great persons.

Shree Hari mentions Raja Ambarisha, one of the great kings of the illustrious *Surya Vamsa* (solar dynasty) as an example of an *Atmanivedi Bhakta*. An *Atmanivedi Bhakta* is one who surrenders his all unto god. He lives in accordance with God's wishes and never strays from the path of devotion. He is never self-absorbed and so always strives to better the lives of others. Such was Ambarisha Raja's devotion and faith. His greatness is

sung in *Shrimad Bhagwat's 9th Skanda*.

'Ambarisha renounced all riches. He bound livelihood to be a means to darkness and so lived like an ascetic in the jungle- renouncing all worldly pleasure. He uplifted his mind, speech and action by meditating upon God, singing his glorious name and serving him devoutly.'

Raja Ambarisha would use his eyes for *Darshan* of God, his arms and embrace the Lord's devotees, his nose to smell the sandalwood or *Tulsi* smeared on the Lord's lotus feet, his tongue to partake only in *Prashaad* offered to God, his feet to wander through places of pilgrimage and his head to bow before the Lord's feet. Such was the devotion of Ambarisha whose desire was merely to serve other *Bhaktas* of the Lord. In this way he had no desires of his own.

Ambarisha would live in accordance with the wishes of Brahmins, residing at the banks of the River Saraswati. There, he would perform *Yagnas*, inviting great *Rishis* such as Gautama, Vashista and others. He would sing and listen to God's glory. He had no desire for heavenly bliss- he simply wished to serve the Lord and his *Bhaktas* in any way possible.

He lived renouncing his kingdom, wealth and family- his all, in order that his devotion would stay pure and firm. It is this example set by Ambarish that we must aspire to. This is the purest of devotion and it is this *Bhakti* Yoga that pleased the Lord and earned him pride of place in the Lord's heart.

GRAHAN (ECLIPSE)

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Our Bhagwan Shree Sahjanand Swami has stated in *Shloka-86 & 87* of '*Shiksha Patri*':

"Whenever an eclipse of the Sun or the Moon takes place, all my disciples shall immediately suspend all work and after purifying themselves shall chant the Mantra of Shree Krishna."

(Shloka-86)

"When the eclipse is over, they shall take a bath with clothes worn at that time. Householders shall give alms to the poor according to their means and ascetics shall worship God."

(Shloka-87)

One should take bath at the beginning and after the eclipse. Every person is affected by *Sutaka* of *Rahu Darshan* and therefore Vashistha Rishi has stated that, one should perform *Hom-Japa* when the time of the eclipse is at its peak. Certain restrictions and Do's and Don'ts to be observed during the period of eclipse have been prescribed in our scriptures. No any good work can be done nor any ominous ritual can be performed during the period of eclipse. There should not be digging of land and Khat-Muhurt during the period of eclipse. One should perform *poojan*, *Snan* and should give alms during the period of eclipse. While performing *Snan*, one should use either flowing water or the water of the river. One should not use water or the meals which are preserved or prepared

during the period of eclipse.

In *Brahm-Siddhanta* it is stated that, one can look at the eclipse either through a transparent cloth or through water or oil. The pregnant women should not look at the eclipse. One should not take meals 12 hours before Solar Eclipse and 09 hours before Lunar Eclipse.

According to Science, the Solar Eclipse occurs on no-moon day, whereas the Lunar Eclipse occurs on full-moon day. The Sun-God is the Chief deity of human body and the Moon-God is the chief deity of the inner self. There are positive or negative effects of the Sun as well as the Moon on the human beings. Electron, Neutron and Proton are the chief elements in the Sun. similarly in the red-cells of our body and in our DNA there are elements of Electron, Neutron and Proton. These elements get re-charged by the Sun-rays. Therefore any obstacle in the Sun has its effects on our body. That means during the period of the Solar Eclipse Electron, Neutron and Proton of our body are weakened which generate various types of diseases in our body.

When the Moon comes in between the Sun and the Earth- it occurs the Solar Eclipse. Due to the layer of the Moon, the magnetic pressure increases and there is created strong obstruction in the Sun-rays received by the Earth from the Sun. resultantly, the whole magnetic field is

disturbed. When the Sun comes in between the Moon and the Earth it occurs the Lunar eclipse. During the period of the Lunar Eclipse our inner self, intellect and mind get weakened.

Therefore, if all the Do's and Don'ts duly prescribed by the scriptures are observed during both Solar and Lunar Eclipse, the human body and mind both are protected. When the period of eclipse is over, one should perform *Snan* with water because the water is best for any kind of purification. There are best elements of purification in water. Just as Science has invented hydro-electricity from water; similarly taking bath in the flowing water is always advantageous for the human beings.

By performing *Japa, Tapa, Hom-Havan*, etc. we create pious energy around as which protect us from the harmful effects

of both the eclipse. Our mind is most affected by our wealth; therefore, by offering alms our mind, body and inner self get purified. The period immediate after the eclipse is considered to be the most pious period. And therefore one must offer alms during this period. If one doesn't have anything for the moment, then one can perform *Sankalp* during the said period and thereafter one can offer alms actually.

It is nor required for the people to observe eclipse in those areas wherein the eclipse does not occur. It is stated in the scriptures that one must observe the eclipse where it occurs. Because our body is a compact universe and all the structures, shapes and elements of the Universe are present in our body. That means, it is the fact that there are good or bad effects of the Sun and the Moon upon our body.

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN GURUKUL, SIDDHPUR IS INCLUDED IN SHREE NARNARAYANDEV DIOCESE

Under the constitution of the trust of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Siddhpur, powers of appointment to the post of Managing Trustee of the Trust of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Siddhpur is granted to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese. Moreover, in the meeting of the trust held at Siddhpur on 06/11/2011, it has been resolved at Resolution No.152 to grant powers to H.H. 1008 Shri Acharya Maharaj for appointment of any member of the Scheme Committee of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese, as the trustee of the Trust.

- By order

Diwali Vacation Shibir by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur at Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar

- Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteswar Gurukul)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and under the guidance of our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (P.P. Swami, Mahant of Naranghat temple), grand *Shibir* of *Bal Satsang Mandal* was organized for two days from 02/11/2011 to 03/11/2011 at Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar.

In the morning at 8.00 hours on the first days, about 425 children from 25 villages had arrived to participate in the *Shibir*. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion with the saints and inaugurated *Shibir* by lighting the lamp and granted *Kanthi* and new *Pooja-peti* to 116 children-participants. With a view to inculcate the values and qualities of our *Sampradaya*, three *Satsang* Sessions were kept during the *Shibir*. Sadguru Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji etc. saints explained the importance and benefits of *Satsang*, *Samskara* and *Satsang Sabha* of the Sundays to the participant-students of *Shibir*.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj also graced the *Shibir* and Group *aarti* was organized in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj; live –telecast of this *aarti* was done by the local electronic media and T.V. Channels. With a view to ensure overall development of the participant children, indoor as well as out-door games were also organized during the *Shibir* and the participants, who secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in the games, were encouraged by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj by offering them the gifts. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also played cricket with the participants.

To encourage the participants, on the last day H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Mahant of Ahmedabad temple), Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and blessed all the participants and their parents in the concluding session of the *Shibir*. Services of Shree *Narnaryanadev Yuvak Mandal*, Ahmedabad was very much praiseworthy. *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*, Motera had rendered their services of body, mind and money. The whole *Shibir* was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteswar Gurukul).

Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Pratinidhi Samjan Shibir

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 3 representative members of each village where *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandals* are functional, were called in the *Shibir*. In all 250 representatives had participated in this *Shibir* of two days. For the whole two days, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj remained present in the *Shibir* and provided valuable guidance to all the participants.

The leading *Haribhaktas* and saints of *Sampradaya* and society granted the benefit of their great and divine knowledge to the participants. On the first day Shri Nirgun Swami delivered speech on 'Individual Difficulties' and Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji delivered speech on 'Our world-wide popularity' and Shri Nana P.P. Swami delivered speech on 'Our Administration and Management'.

In the *Sandhya-aarti* Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji praised all the participant young devotees. At night, there was a session of Questionnaire with H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, wherein H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj answered the questions asked by the participants.

In the next day morning Session Shri Sureshbhai Gandhi delivered the speech on 'Unity', Shri Udayanbhai Maharaj delivered the speech on 'Active *Karyakarta*' and Shri Mota P.P. Swami delivered the speech on 'Hari Mandir Vivek'.

None of the participants realized how speedily the two days of the *Shibir* passed. They all requested to conduct such *Shibir* in each region, which was accepted by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The whole *Shibir* was organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*, Ahmedabad and devotee Shri Harshadbhai of Motera had rendered their beautiful services. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Nana P.P. Swami), Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadaji (Koteshwar) and Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar) provided all guidance and shouldered all the responsibilities during the *Shibir*.

Shree Narnarayandev Mahila and Balika Mandal Shibir

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and in the pious company of H.H. Shri Raja, two days' *Shibir* of *Mahila Mandal* and *Balima Mandal* was organized from 08/11/2011 to 09/11/2011.

In the morning at 8.00 hours on the first day, about 200 ladies devotees and 250 *Balikas* from 52 villages had arrived to participate in *Shibir*. After the registration of the participants, H.H. Shri Gadiwala lighted the lamps and encouraged all the

participants. There were separate Sabha for Mahila Mandal and Balika Mandal. In this Sabha, Tyagi ladies devotees delivered their speeches on various subjects and provided valuable guidance to all the devotee participants. *Rangoli* Decoration Competition was also organized for Balika Mandal. At 3.30 hours in the noon, all the participants went to Koteshwar temple to perform divine *Darshan* of the deities where they played Antakshari in different groups.

H.H. Shri Raja graced the *Sabha* of *Balika Mandal* at 5.00 hours in the evening and one minute game, drawing competition etc. were organized and the winners of this competition were encouraged by offering them gifts. In the *Sabha* of the *Mahila Mandal*, all the questions and confusions of the participant devotees were answered and resolved. At 7.00 hours in the evening group *aarti* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed. In the cultural programme at night *Raas Garba* were organized with *Taal Orchestra* of Shri devotee Shri Puravbhai Patel, wherein all participated.

In the next day morning Session, *Mahendi* Competition was organized by *Balika Mandal* and thereafter *Tyagi* ladies devotees had delivered beautiful and inspirational speeches providing guidance in strengthening the values and tradition of our *Sampradaya*. Thereafter H.H. Shri Gadiwala granted the benefit of blessings to all the participants. In the noon after the meals and rest, group *Sabha* of both *Mahila Mandal* and *Balika Mandal* was organized wherein many *Tyagi* ladies devotees explained the importance of Shre Hari and *Dharmkul*. A session of questionnaire was also organized on this occasion. Many *Tyagi* ladies devotees of Kalupur, Visnagar, Prantij, Jetalpur places had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches to the participants. Services of *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*, Bapunagar were praiseworthy during the whole *Shibir*.

Pilgrimage of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to Australia and New Zealand

- Ram Swami (Koteswar Gurukul)

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole *Dharmkul*, our *Satsang* has become world-wide popular. Accordingly from 06/10/2011 to 23/10/2011 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Australia (Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne) and New Zealand (Auckland) alongwith Mahant Shri P.P. Swami of Naranghat, Ram Swami and Parshad Vanraj Bhagat (Member, Scheme Committee).

First of all, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Perth in Australia. All the devotees and *Haribhaktas* performed *Samaiyo* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the air-port. Recently 4 acres of land has been acquired in Perth for the purpose of constructing our new temple. *Khat Muhurt (Shila-Nyas)* ritual was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple. On this occasion, *Shrimad Bhagwat Katha* was organized. Devotee Shri Ravjibhai Halai and members of all *Samiti* and all other devotees and *Haribhaktas* rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. For five days, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the houses of the devotees.

From Perth, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Adelaide. Here *Satsang Sabha* was started before five years. On completion of five years of *Satsang*

Sabha, Panchabdi Mahotsav was celebrated in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. *Tridinatmak Satsangjivan Katha* was organized on this occasion. All the devotees and *Haribhaktas* rendered their beautiful services and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

From Adelaide, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Melbourne. In Ringwood area, a new temple is getting ready in Melbourne. From 24/01/2012 to 28/01/2012, grand Invocation of Idol Images *Mahotsav* is also going to be celebrated at this place. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much pleased to watch the progress of the construction work of the temple. Many devotees availed the divine benefit of grace of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and in the evening *Satsang Sabha* was conducted wherein all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* participated. All the devotees rendered their beautiful services.

From Melbourne, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced New Zealand. During 3-days' stay in New Zealand, many devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Here one day *Satsang Picnic* was organized by the temple wherein all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* participated. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much pleased with the activities of *Bal Mandal*.

Bhan Khachar

- Chandrakant Mohanlal Pathak (Gandhinagar)

Once Moka Khachar was going to perform divine *Darshan* of Shree Hari. On his way, he passed by the village of devotee Zinabhai Darbar. Moka Khachar went to the house of Zinabhai and then both of them went together to perform divine *Darshan* of Shreeji Maharaj. On their way, Moka Khachar said that, he had some work at village Bhadli, so both of them went to the village Bhadli. At village Bhadli, Bhan Khachar and his colleagues were taking bath and washing clothes in the lake at the outskirts of the village. Bhan Khachar saw the two horse-riders coming to him. He immediately asked his men to take away the horses from the horse-riders. But Zinabhai Darbar was very alert and courageous. He took out his sword and held Bhan Khachar from his neck and threatened his men that, if they would try to take away their horses, they would not see Bhan Khachar alive. At last Bhan Khachar asked his

men to release the horses.

Then both Moka Khachar and Zinabhai Darbar reached in Gadhpur and performed divine *Darshan* of Shreeji Maharaj. In the *Darbar*, Moka Khachar narrated in detail what happened at village Bhadli with Bhan Khachar. Shreeji Maharaj praised Zinabhai Darbar for his courage.

Once Shreeji Maharaj graced the village Bhadli of Bhan Khachar and graced the house of the devotee Somla Khachar. In the noon, the *sabha* was conducted. Listening about the arrival of Shreeji Maharaj, Bhan Khachar came to perform *Darshan* of Maharaj. Shreeji Maharaj offered a seat to Bhan Khachar and preached the sermons to the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Bhan Khachar was very much impressed with these preaching and he became ardent devotee of Shreeji Maharaj.

SPECIAL SATSANG DURING PIOUS DHANUR-MAAS

FROM 16/12/2011 TO 15/01/2012

The Lord Shree Swaminarayan has granted us a rare benefit of performing special *Bhajan-Smaran* of the Almighty Lord Shree Narnarayandev during the pious month of *Dhanur-Maas* in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala. A large number of devotees from little children to the old people walking with the support of a stick thron together in Shree Swaminarayan temples early in the morning to perform *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon*. Therefore it is an humble request to *Haribhaktas* of local areas of Ahmedabad city that they may not miss this golden opportunity of availing the benefit of rendering their services for *Dhoon* of *Dhanur Maas*.

Host devotees of *Dainik Dhoon* and *Maasik Dhoon* during the pious *Dhanur Maas* would be offered divine *Bhet*.

- Mahant Swami

Special Programmes during Dhanur Maas

Morning	Programme
5.00 hours	Dhoon in the pious presence of Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj
5.30 hours	Mangla Aarti
5.30 hours	Kirtan Bhakti
6.00 hours	Dhoon
6.30 hours	Shangaar Aarti

Maasik Dhoon

Rs. 1500/-

Dainik Dhoon

Rs. 100/-



SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

About nine months have passed to inauguration of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Everyday devotees and *Haribhaktas* are found visiting and performing *Darshan* of our divine Museum. Many saints, religious dignitaries feel divinity at the place. When we read the opinions of the persons visiting Museum, we come to know about this.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance *Bhet Yojna*

Rs.25,000/-	Pravinbhai Kantibhai Patel-Chicago	Rs.6,001/-	Vinesh Sapariya-Mumbai
	Dakishaben Pravinbhai Patel	Rs.6,000/-	Pratibhaben Maru
Rs.21,000/-	Babubhai Mavjibhai Patel- Harikrishna	Rs.5,111/-	Hasumatiben Kanaiyalal Bhavsar-Sanand
	Mosaic- Morbi through Manoj and Hitesh	Rs.5,100/-	Manek Chowk Gold-Silver businessmen
Rs.21,000/-	Yashbhumi Construction Co.Pvt. Ltd.,		Association –Ahmedabad through
	Ahmedabad.		Sanjaybhai Soni
Rs.11,111/-	In the memory of Akshar Nivasi	Rs.5,100/-	Khatana Laljibhai Mohanbhai-Balol
	Prabhavatiben Ramniklal Somani and	Rs.5,000/-	Asit Sapariya- Mumbai
	Akshar Nivasi Ramniklal Kalidas Somani	Rs.5,000/-	Dr.Harikrishnabhai Gokalbhai Patel-
	thorough Navinchandra Somani-		Sapawada
	Gadhaliwala-Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-	Ishwarbhai Dungarshibhai Patel-Medavala,
Rs.11,001/-	Shamlbhai Mathurbhai Patel family- Vavol		Harshad Colony
Rs.10,000/-	Sadguru Bhandari Swami Jankivallabhdasji	Rs.5,000/-	Madhubhai Ishwarbhai Dungarshibhai Patel
	on the occasion of Parayan through Aatroli	Rs.5,000/-	Vasudevabhai Kanjibhai Patel-Bopol
	Satsang Mandal	Rs.5,000/-	Narayanbhai Gokaldas Patel
Rs.10,000/-	Punambhai Patel- Ahmedabad	Rs.5,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Pawai
Rs.10,000/-	Harjibhai Mavjibhai Jirani-Sukhpur, Bhuj		(Mumbai) thorough Vasibhai
Rs.10,000/-	In the memory of Mangalaben Thakkar-	Rs.5,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava VANzar,
	Ahmedabd through Jaswantbhai		through Ramanbhai
Rs.7,601/-	Ghanshyam Himatbhai Mistry- on getting job	Rs.5,000/-	Maheshbhai S. Patel, Lalodawala- Vapi
	as per his noble Sankalp his first salary	Rs.5,000/-	Deviyani Harikrishna Patel-Kanbha
Rs.7,100/-	Somdas Shivdas (Nikol) Naroda	Rs.5,000/-	Hiren Pragjibhai Kathrotiya-Bapunagar

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of *Abhishek* of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum

01/11/2011	With the inspiration of H.H. Shri	05/11/2011	Jayeshbhai Mangaldas Gajjar,
	Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala Sankhya Yogi		Rajendrakumar Babulal Gajjar-
	ladies devotees of Kachchh-Bhuj and	10/11/2011	Ahmedabad
	Kalupur temple Haveli through Sankhya		Jayshriben Manojbhai Dalal, Manojbhai
	Yogi ladies devotees Manjuba nad Bhartiba		Ghanshyambhai Dalal, Tejendrabhai
03/11/2011	Devotee Shri Mohandas pariva-Vadu	20/11/2011	Manojbhai Dalal-New Vadaj
	through Manibhai Somdas Patel		Laljibhai Ganeshbhai-Bhaupura thorough
04/11/2011	Shree Swaminarayan temple Mahila	23/11/2011	Jayesh, Vipul, Vraj and Lilaben
	Mandal, Approach, Bapunagar through		Akshar Nivasi Chandrakantbhai Amin-
	Rupamben		Ahmedabad thorough Mahendrabhai,
			Vimalbhai and Sheetalben

Due to Lunar Eclipse on Saturday 10/12/2011 Darshan of Museum would be available upto 4.00 p.m.

For booking of Mahapooja/Mahabhishek contact :

Museum Mobile : 98795 49597

Devotee Shri Parshottambhai (Dasbhai, Bapunagar) : Mobile No. 99250 42686

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Opinions of visiting Devotees and *Haribhaktas*



Jay Shree Swaminarayan. 95 years old Naniba the wife of Akshar Nivasi devotee Ramjibhai Amarshibhai Patel of Dharampur (ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese) had no words to express her joy she had by performing divine Darshan of Shree Swaminarayan Museum where every devotee gets divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj in every Thing of Prasadi of our Museum. – Kanchanben R. Patel and niece Urmila- Naranpura

This Swaminarayan Museum is very beautiful. Things of Prasadi placed in this Museum are divine and wonderful. In Hall No.9 a picture on screen showing the purpose behind incarnation and blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was watched. One would like to visit Museum again and again. Really this is historical and divine place on this earth. There are beautiful arrangements in the Museum. (Urvi Patel)

Only the lucky fellows get divine Darshan of this Museum of Things of Prasadi. This is in a way Gate to Akshardham. We reverently bow down to the lotus like feet of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and Dharmkul. (Kishor Hirani, Nairobi)

By performing Darshan of Things of Prasadi in the museum we cannot express

our experience in any words. The whole Satsang Samaj is indebted to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. All of us are very lucky that we have got divine Darshan of these Things of Prasadi. (Chetan Soni, U.S.A.)

Things of Prasadi in Shreenagar (Ahmedabad). They are invaluable because these Things are touched by Purushottam Narayan Himself. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of our village has made inspirational efforts to help the senior Citizens of our village to perform Darshan of divine Things of Prasadi in the museum. Hail H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva (Gandhinagar))

By performing Darshan of Museum, the words 'Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful.' Were uttered. Adbhutanand Swami graced the village Botad. There were directions of Shreeji Maharaj not to come without permission. Swami performed pooja and touched Thing of Prasadi to his eyes. Hamir Khachar saw this and became ardent devotee of Maharaj.-Sadhu Satsangbhundas, Junagadh Swaminarayan temple, Rajkot Sadhu Atmprakash Swami, Sadhu Narayandas Swami

HOW IS DEVOTED DISCIPLE?

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

During the ancient times, there was Dhaumya Rishi. He was considered to be one of the best Rishis of the time. Even the qualities of the disciples of Dahumya Rishi was also praised all over the country. The young boys were attracted towards his Ashram by just listening to the name and fame of Dhaumya Rishi.

There were many students in his Ashram. One of them was Upmanyu. He was very calm and simple and his name was amongst the most favourite students of Dhaumya Rishi. So many other students were friends of Upmanyu. However, there were some students in the Ashram, who were jealous of Upmanyu. They could not tolerate the popularity of Upamanyu and many a times, they used to complaint against him. In order to teach a lesson to such students for their such attitude, Dhaumya Rishi adopted a new method. Guru wanted to prove that, Upmanyu was really the best and deserving student.

So one day Guru called all the students early in the morning. Guru asked Upmanyu in front of all the students, *"What do you do during the whole day?"* Upmanyu replied, *"I clean the whole Ashram, collect fruits and flowers for Your poojan-archan."* Guru interrupted him and said, *"From tomorrow onwards, you will go to the forest and will graze the cows of the Ashram. You will not ask for the meals from anybody."*

The next day in the morning, Upmanyu went to the forest with the cows of the Ashram. He used to graze the cows for the whole day. He would drink the milk of the cows. The time of about two-three months passed.

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SATSANG BALVATIKA
- Compiler Shastri Harikehsavdasji
(Gandhinagar)

Upmanyu was found hale and healthy. Therefore, the jealous students complained against him. Guruji called Upmanyu and asked him, "What do you take in your meal?" Upmanyu replied, "I drink milk of the cows." Now Guru asked him not to drink milk of the cows.

The next day in the morning, Upmanyu went to the forest with the cows. When he became hungry, he did not drink the milk of the cows, but he tasted the froth of milk coming out of the mouths of the calves. This routine continued again for a month or two.

Upmanyu was still hale and healthy. Therefore, the jealous students complained against him. Guruji called Upmanyu and asked him, "What do you take in your meal?" Upmanyu replied, "I taste the froth of milk coming out of the mouths of the calves." Now Guru asked him not to taste even the froth of milk.

The next day in the morning, Upmanyu went to the forest with the cows. He was young and so he became hungry. But he was determined to scrupulously follow the directions of his Guru. So he did not eat anything. Being very hungry, he tasted the green leaves of some wild plants of the forest and he lost his sight. Now he was confused. How to reach at the Ashram. He held the tail of one of the cows and started walking behind the cows in the evening. There was a deep well on his way. But Upmanyu could not see it. So he fell down in the deep well. The cows reached at the Ashram but Upmanyu was not there.

Therefore Guruji became worried. Guruji went to the forest with his disciples in search of Upmanyu shouting in the forest. When they reached near the well, they heard the voice of Upamanyu coming out of the well.

Guruji and other disciples helped Upmanyu to come out of the well. Upmanyu told his Guruji about the green leaves of the wild plant he had eaten. Guruji consoled him. Dhaumya Rishi was a great seer. With the help of his *Tapa*, he called Ashwinikumar from the Heaven. Ashwinikumar offered him *Malpuva* to eat, but Upmanyu refused to eat until there was permission from his Guru. At last Dhaumya Rishi granted him permission and Upmanyu gained his sight with the help of divine *Malpuva* offered by Ashwinikumar.

Ashwinikumar and his Guru were proud of strict obedience of Upmanyu. They blessed him that, one day he would become the great learned man and others would seek inspiration from him to live righteous and obedient life.

Nishkulanand Swami narrates this *Katha* in *Dhirajakhyan*:

“એમ ગુરુની આજ્ઞા, જે પાળે પરમ સુખદા,
નિર્વિઘ્ન તે નર થઈ, પામે પદ નિર્વાણ,
ગુરુ કૃપાએ સુખ પામીએ, ગુરુ કૃપાએ ઉપજે જ્ઞાન,
નિષ્કુલાનંદ ગુરુ કૃપા કરે, તો આપે અવિચળ દાન.”

By accepting such writings from Puranas, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan wrote in the pious '*Shiksha Patri*':

“One should render his ardent services to his parents and his Guru.”

AT LAST PANDITJI WAS CONVINCED - Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

Once Shreeji Maharaj conducted *Sabha* in Nava-Vaas. All the saint and *Haribhaktas* are sitting around Shreeji Maharaj. Meanwhile the learned Keshav Pandit came there. When Shreeji Maharaj

saw the Panditji, Maharaj stood up and made the place to offer the seat to Panditji. Keshav Panditji came and sat at the lotus-like feet of Shreeji Maharaj and started talking in a proud voice.

Panditji asked Maharaj, “*You are known as Ishwar (God) but there is nothing divine in you. You know only black magic or Tantra-Mantra. You are mesmerizing these innocent people through you Tantra-Mantra and grant them the state of Samadhi. But I don't have faith in you. Pran-Nirodh is impossible without performing Ashtang Yoga. Then how do you grant the state of Samadhi to the common people? Oh Swaminarayan! You are said to be very learned person. Then I ask you certain questions about the Vedas. Please answer these questions.*”

Maharaj replied, “*I do not know anything. You have studied Vedas, PUranas, History and Upanishads. I do not know anything about them. Whatever you want to ask, you can ask to this child.*” Maharaj showed a little boy of *Charan* community. Keshav Pandit asked, “How can a boy of *Charan* answer the questions relating to the great scriptures like Vedas and Puranas. Will he answer my questions?” Maharaj said, “We have learnt everything from this boy only. We have studied everything from this boy only. May be any Brahmin would have taught him these Scriptures.”

Before Shree Hari completed his sentence, the little *Charan* boy started chanting the Mantras from the Vedas. There was not a single mistake in words or its pronunciation. There was perfect chanting in rhythm suitable for these Vedic Mantras. His chanting of the Mantras was so perfect in art and skill that Panditji was surprised at this.

Here great knowledge of Keshav

Panditji helped him. Now he realized that, it is not this child, who was uttering these words but it was Bhagwan Himself, Who was uttering these words. Now Keshav Pandit concentrated his mind and heart in Shreeji Maharaj. He got divine *Darshan* of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in the state of *Samadhi*.

Keshav Pandit ardently begged pardon of Shreeji Maharaj and requested to grant him *Diksha*. He said that, he wanted to remain in the company of the saints. Mother of Keshav Panditji, who was sitting in the *Sabha*, requested Shreeji Maharaj

that, her son may not be granted *Diksha*, as he is her only son and only support in her life and therefore he may not be allowed to become *Sadhu*.

Shreeji Maharaj blessed Keshav Panditji and told him that he need not be *Sadhu*. He can remain in this world and perform *Bhajan-Bhakti* in his life and thereby he will get emancipation in his life.

So dear friends! One may have his own temperament, as Keshav Panditji had his own. But the moment he gets in touch with *Satsang*, it transforms into nobility. Like Keshav Pandit, knowledge, which helps in identifying *Bhagwan*, is the real knowledge.

INSPIRATIONAL INCIDENT

Young devotees of Balva village fulfilled the wish of the aged devotees of the village to perform Darshan of Shree Swaminarayan Museum

Man becomes helpless during his old age. But if the values and qualities of *Satsang* and *Dharma* are inculcated in any man then he becomes the strong support of his parents till their last breath.

Recently, young devotees of Balva village fulfilled the wish of the old aged devotees of the village to perform *Darshan* of Shree Swaminarayan Museum on Sunday 13/11/2011. Devotee Shri Kantibhai Govabai Chaudhary of Balva and at present residing in America became the source of inspiration as well as supporter.

About more than 152 old aged devotees residing in Mahadevvas, Shreejinagar, Ambajivas, Chhatrivali Bhagol and Moti Bhagol were carried to Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad where they performed divine *Darshan* of Shree Narnarayandev; they also performed divine *Darshan* of Shree Revtiji Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj in Jetalpur and were offered *Thaal* of Thakorji. Mahant Shastri Swami Atmprakashdasji praised the services of the young devotees of Balva and became very much happy.

Thereafter all came to Shree Swaminarayan Museum, where they also got the facility of wheel-chair. These old aged devotees performed divine *Darshan* of each hall of our Museum; when they performed divine *Darshan* of Hall No.8, they felt as if Shree Hari is standing in front of them!!! By taking much pain and efforts, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj offered this divine Shree Swaminarayan Museum to our *Sampradaya*. Here every devotee gets divine *Darshan* of Shree Hari. The dream of the old aged devotees of Balva village was fulfilled in this way.

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA 'DHARMA IS AT THE
ROOT OF HAPPINESS'**

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

If one intends to be happy even after the human birth, one should lead the righteous and religious life. *Dharma* is the real friend of the human being. And only by scrupulously following the religion, one can be happy in life. Now the questions may arise as to What is *Dharma*? What is *Adharma*? From where *Dharma* originates? What is required to preserve *Dharma*? When *Dharma* is destroyed?

First of all let us try to understand what is *Dharma*. The rules of nature of this universe which are followed by all the creatures and living beings on this earth is real *Dharma*. There are four aspects of this *Dharma*- *Satya* (Truth), *Tapa*, *Pavitrata* (Piety) and *Karuna* (Compassion). What is Truth? Truth is something which can never be destroyed. It never increases or decreases. Purna Purushottam Narayan is *Satya*. If we remain on righteous path despite many difficulties and obstacles in our life, then it is called *Tapa*. *Pavitrata* means not to allow our mind and inner self to be spoiled from any outside thing. *Karuna* is the feeling of mercy which we show towards others. A man without *Dharma* is called an animal. It is *Dharma* which differentiated human being from all other animals of this earth.

Adharma is something which is not *Dharma* or which is opposite to *Dharma*.

Dharma generates from Purity and Simplicity. These Purity and Simplicity come from *Satsang*. Now the question arises what is *Satsang*? *Aang* of *Satya* (Part of Truth) is called *Satsang*. And to get *Satya* (Truth) one should always cherish simplicity in life.

Now what is essential to preserve *Dharma*? *Kshama* and *Daya* would be

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required to preserve *Dharma*.

And When *Dharma* is destroyed? When there is selfish attitude and self-pride, *Dharma* is destroyed.

Therefore Purushottam Narayan resides at place where there are both *Dharma* and *Bhakti*. Therefore, by performing *Bhakti* and *pooja* of Shree Hari we obtained the pleasure and happiness of Purushottam Narayan. This is the root. If we nourish the roots properly, we would get fruits and leaves at proper time. It is also stated that, those who do not follow the directions of the pious '*Shiksha Patri*', they are not true devotees. These preaching is not prescribed by Acharya by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself. Therefore all of us should perform ardent Bhajan Bhakti and obtain the pleasure of Shree Hari in our life.

CONDUCT AS PER SAMSKARA

**- Sankhya Yogi Ushaba
(Surendranagar)**

It has been stated in our scriptures, that only mother can inculcate noble qualities in her child. There is one story in *Markandey Purana*. Vishwasu Gandharv had one daughter. Her name was Madalsa, she was married to the king Rutudhwaj. Though she was married, Madalsa lead a pious and religious life. After some time, she gave birth to a child, who was named Vikrant.

Due to religious preaching of Madalsa, Vikranta became *Sadhu* and went to the forest. After some time, Madalsa gave birth to another child, who was named Subahu. With the preaching of his mother, Subahu also became *Sadhu* and went to

the forest. Thereafter Madalsa gave birth to the third child, who was named Shatrumardan. Preaching of Madalsa had the same impact upon the mind of Shatrumardan, who became *Sadhu* and went to the forest.

When Madalsa gave birth to the fourth child named Alark, the king Rutudhwaj became alert and did not keep the fourth child with Madalsa. Now, Madalsa was very much happy at this. She did not want her son Alark to be spoilt in the worldly affairs. Therefore she called her eldest son Vikrant and explained him everything. She asked him to go to his father king Rutudhwaj and release his younger brother Alark. Vikrant went to Rutudhwaj and asked for his right of kingdom, as he was the eldest son. The King Rutudhwaj was very much happy at this and he gave the kingdom to his eldest son. Now the youngest son Alark came to his mother Madalsa, who preached him the scriptures and after some time he became *Sadhu* and went to the forest. When Alark became *Sadhu*, Vikrant, who was with king Rutudhwaj, asked for the permission of his father to leave the kingdom, as he did not want to rule the subject.

Dear devotees, have you seen such mother, who makes her children *Sadhu*?! Therefore, poets truly say about the mother :

“જનની જણતો જણજે, ભક્ત દાતા કાં શૂર,
નહિતર રહેજે વાંઝણી, તારૂં મત ગુમાવીશ નુર.”

BLESSINGS OF SHREE HARI

- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)

One swan was residing on the bank of *Mansarovar*. One day he thought to go to meet his friend. He also thought that he should take him with some gift for his friend. So he took *Chandrakant Mani* (precious diamond) with him. During his journey, he stayed on a tree at night. He placed this

Chandrakant Mani in gourd. In the morning, he forgot to take diamond with him. Meanwhile one shepherd came under the tree to take the rest, as his cattle were grazing the grass. He saw the gourd and took it with him. When he cut the gourd at home, he found *Chandrakant Mani* inside it. This shepherd tied this diamond at the neck of his goat.

Next day he again went to the forest. On the way, he met one Sheth. This Sheth saw *Chandrakant* diamond tied at the neck of the goat. So he purchased the goat with the ornaments for six rupees- five rupees for the goat and one rupee for the ornament. This Sheth went home and sold the diamond for 100 rupees and the goat for 10 rupees.

Another Sheth sold this *Chandrakant* diamond for 1000 rupees, as he knew the value of this diamond. In this way, this *Chandrakant* diamond was kept on sold at higher rates as much as one crore depending upon the knowledge of the purchaser of the diamond.

Now the same diamond was purchased by the son of the Sheth in lieu of all his wealth. His neighbours immediately called the father who was in abroad. The father came and saw that, his son had purchased the most precious *Chandrakant* Diamond. He was happy and he told his son, that he had entered into a good deal.

The father wanted his son to know the real value of this diamond so he took his son on the terrace at night on the full moon day. When the rays of the moon fell on the diamond there was showering of the gold from the sky with the matching of the rays of the diamond and the moon. Now on every full moon day, the father and the son got much gold at night in this way.

In this way, we should realize the importance of Shreeji Maharaj as much as possible and we would be happier in our life.

Celebration of 126th Patotsav of Shree Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj in Ahmedabad temple

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of *Poojari* Ram Swami, 126th *Patotsav* of Shree Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Amitbhai P. Manani, Omprakash C. Matavala and devotee Shri Rupalben D. Gohil (Kandivali-Mumbai) rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav*.

In the morning from 6.30 to 7.00 hours in *Kartak Sud-12 Shodasopchar Abhishek* of Shri Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter *Annakut Aarti* was performed. Thousands of devotees and *Haribhaktas* thronged together in the temple to perform divine Darshan. The host family performed *poojan-aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

(Ram Swami, Poojari)

Shrimad Satsangijiva Saptah Parayan in pious company of Shree Narnarayandev

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maahraj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishandasji of Ahmedabad temple, *Shrimad Satsangijiva Saptah Parayan* was performed in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad from 02/11/2011 to 08/11/2011. Devotee Shri Vindrai Ganpatram Shelat and devotee Shri Shardaben Vinodrai Shelat through their children devotee Shri Killolbhai and Shri Shyambhai etc. families rendered the services as the host of *Parayan*.

Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwavallabhdasji were the spokespersons of the *Parayan*. Sadguru Purani Swami Dharmjivandasji was the spokesperson of *Samhita-Path*. For all the seven days, the host devotee families had availed the benefit of *Parayan*. Moreover, for all the seven days, *Thaal, Fulhar*, meals for two days to Saint Varni Parshads, beautiful *Vagha*

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to Thakorji and *Bhet* to *Dharmkul* etc. were offered by the host family.

Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, J.K. Swami etc. saints had rendered their beautiful services during the whole programme. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the host devotee families. Similarly ladies devotees of the host family were also blessed by H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala.

(Muni Swami)

Grand Shakotsav and Tridinatmak Katha on the occasion of first Patotsav at Mubarakpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Tridinatmak Dhirajakhyan* and grand *Shakotsav* were celebrated from 13/11/2011 to 15/11/2011 on the occasion of first *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mubarakpura. The whole programme was organized in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple).

The devotee Shri Ranchhodbhai Motibhai Patel, devotee Shri Maheshbhai RAnchhodbhai Patel family rendered the services as chief host of *Patotsav and Parayan*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of *Parayan*. In the session in the evening on the next day H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints and blessed the *Sabha* organized on the occasion. The concluding ritual ceremony was graced by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj who performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav*. Many saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. Services of the young devotees of *Shree Narnarayandev*

Yuvak Mandal of Mubarakpura was inspirational on this occasion. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul)

Celebration of Sharadotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple) grand *Sharadotsav* was celebrated on Tuesday 11/10/2011 on *Aaso Sud-15* in the pious company of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. Devotee Shri Dahyabhai Narandas Patel family through devotees Mehul and Purav rendered the services as host of this *Sharadotsav*.

Thousands of devotees and *Haribhaktas* thronged together to avail the benefit of this divine occasion. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced this occasion along with the saints and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and other saints. The host family performed *poojan, archan* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Thereafter *Group Aarti* and *Kirtan-Bhakti* were performed by Gavaiya devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai Patadiya and Shri Purav Patel. All the devotees and *Haribhaktas* were offered Prasad of *Dudh-Pauva*. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. (Balswarup Swami)

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan in village Vihar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad) and Sadguru Bhandari Swami Suryaprakashdasji and with the noble concept and aim of Akshar Nivasi Shardaben Dwarkadas Patel and *Ganga Swarup* Joitiben Mangalbai Patel, *Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan* was organized at village Vihar from 28/10/2011 to 01/11/2011. Akshar Nivasi Kachrabhai Bhagwandas Patel family rendered the services as the chief host of the *Parayan*. Sadguru Shastri Swami

Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*.

Many saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple) etc. saints had rendered their inspirational speeches on this occasion. On the first day H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and on the last day H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees. Shastri Sadguru Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) was source of inspiration for the whole occasion. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul)

Parayan in village Kundal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul, Shrimad Bhagwan Panchanh Parayan* was organized from 03/11/2011 to 07/11/2011 in the memory of devotee Shri Dashrathbhai Khodidas. Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji were spokespersons of this *Parayan*. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat temple) etc. saints had arrived on this occasion and blessed all the devotees. Devotee Shri Chandubhai Khodidas Patel family had rendered the services as the host of *Parayan*. Shastri Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) was the source of inspiration throughout this programme. (Ashwinbhai, New Vadaj)

Tridinatmak Satsang Parayan in Gavada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushotamprakahdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple), *Tridinatmak Bhakti Aakhyak Katha* was organized in village Gavada on the occasion of *Jivan-charya* of devotee Shri Ambalal Kodardas Patel and devotee Shri Rukhiben Ambalal Patel. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. The concluding ritual of the *Parayan*

was graced by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj along with the saints. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and the host family. The *Sabha* was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple).

(Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria

Maturi Yagna : Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj had invoked the idol image of Shri Kastbhanjandev- *Kuldevta* of *Dharmkul*, on the pious place at the bank of Kankaria lake. With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji of Kankaria temple and Mahant Swami Anandprasaddasji, *Maruti Yagna* was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria. The concluding ritual of *Yagna* was performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Moreover, grand *Annakut* was offered to Thakorji on the pious New Year Day and benefit of divine *Darshan* was availed by thousands of devotees.

Samaiyo of Labh Pancham : on the pious day of *Kartak Sud-5 Labh Pancham Samaiyo* of Balswaroop Kastbhanjandev was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj by performing *Abhishek* of Kastbhanjandev and blessed all the devotees. Mahant Swami and saints had made beautiful arrangements on this occasion. Prasad was distributed among all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. (Dr. Hiren Patel, Kankaria)

Celebration of 2nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aantroli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 2nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aantroli was organized by Sadguru Mahant Dwami Dharmswaroopdasji, the disciple of Sadguru Bhandari Swami Jankivallabhdaji (Dada Swami). On the first day Shastri Swami Atmprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham),

Shyamsharandasji Swami, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabd temple, Sadguru Purani Swami Jagatprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji etc. saints had arrived and had performed ritual of lighting the lamps. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion with the saints and grand *Swagat* of Acharya Maharaj was performed. Sadguru Vivekswami had welcomed H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and other saints. On completion of *Shobha-yatra*, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *aarti* of Thakorji in temple.

On this occasion *Shrimad Satsangijivan Parayan* was organized from 03/11/2011 to 09/11/2011. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Naranpura) was the spokesperson of *Parayan*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhativallabhdasji was spokesperson in *Samhita-Path*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much pleased and blessed all the devotees and saints.

The *Sabha* was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji. Sadguru Baldev Swami (Bapu), Sadguru Vishwaprakashdasji (Laloda), Mahant Shri K.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham), Aniruddha Swami (Muli), Mukund Swami, Swayamprakashdasji, Anand Swami (Nathdwara), Narendra Bhagat, Jitu Bhagat, Jaidip Bhagat, Bhogilal Bhagat and Gulab Bhagat rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen.

The concluding ritual was graced by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. *Abhishek* of Thakorji was performed in Vedic tradition. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed Bhandari Swami and the whole *Sabha*. On this occasion devotees of America, Ahmedabad, Lasundra, Aantroli, Vasna, Bhatara, Salal and Bavsar cherishing ardent feelings towards Bhandari Swami, rendered their services. (Kothari, Aantroli)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya (Panchmahal)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) grand *Annakut* was offered to Thakorji on *Kartak Sud-1. Haribhaktas* of

Kothamba, Kharol, Merani Muvadi etc. villages had availed the benefit of *Darshan*. (Harikrishnabhai)

Prabha Hanumanji temple, Jamiyatpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Ghanshyam Swami, *Maruti Yagna, Sundar Kand, Annakut and Satsang Sabha* and *Mahaprasad* etc. were performed on the pious day of *Kali Chaudas*.

On this occasion, Sadguru PUrani Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Swami Hariswaroopdasji, Premswaroop Swami, J.P. Swami, Vishnu Swami, Vijay Swami, Uttam Swami, Chandraprakash Swami etc. saints had arrived. Devotee Shri Dashrathbhai Patel and Ratibhai Patel (Member of the Scheme Committee) had also arrived on this occasion. Services of *Yuvak Mandal* were inspirational. (Viren Thakkar)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji, *Ekadashi Satsang Mandal* from the pious day of *Kartak Sud-11* on Sunday 06/11/2011 and *Kirtan-Bhakti* and *Katha-Varta* were performed at the house of the devotee Shri Vishnubhai Keshavlal Patel. Now on every *Ekadashi, Kirtan-Bhakti* and *Katha-Varta* would be performed at the houses of the devotees. On this occasion, devotee Shri Jayantibhai Kalidas Patel rendered the services for the musical instruments in the memory of his father.

On the occasion of *Jivat-Charya* of devotee Chavda Harisinh Chhaganji, Chavdas Navubhai Harisinh, *Thaal* and meals were offered to Shree Narnarayandev etc. deities in Mansa temple on 07/11/2011 at the village Ambod situated near Mansa. Saints of Mansa temple had performed *Katha-Varta* on this occasion, whose benefit was availed by all the devotees. (Bhavin Patel)

Patotsav and Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Vanzar

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration

of Sadguru Swami Swayamprakashdasji, 7th *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Vanzar was performed on 13/11/2011. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed *Abhishek* to Shree Harikrishna Maharaj in Vedic tradition.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion the host of *Patotsav* devotee Shri Maheshbhai and devotee Shri Mathurdas performed *poojan-archan* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*.

Thereafter H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion of *Shakotsav*. All *Haribhaktas* performed *Swagat-Samaiyu* of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed *Darshan* in the temple and performed divine *Vaghar of Shakotsav*. The host family of *Shakotsav* performed *poojan-archan* of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and obtained the blessings. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion Sadguru Purani Swami Jagatprakashdasji, saints of Jaidevpura and devotee Shri Ramanbhai had delivered their speeches. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the *Sabha*. Devotees Shri Prakashbhai Thakkar, Shri Nitinbhai Thakkar etc. had rendered inspirational speeches.

(Rajubhai Thakkar)

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Katha-Parayan in Mota Ankevalia (Tal. Dhrangadhra)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and with the inspiration of *Sankhya Yogi* ladies devotee Kamalaba of Surendranagar temple, ladies devotees of '*Sakhi Mandal*' of the village organized *Tridinatmak Bhakti-nidhi Parayan* from 29/10/2011 to 31/10/2011. *Sankhya Yogi* Kokilaba (Surendranagar) narrated beautiful *Katha* for all the three days whose benefit was availed by all the ladies devotees. At night cultural programmes were organized. The *Sabha* was conducted by *Sankhya Yogi* Ushaba. Accepting the ardent invitation of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced this occasion and granted the benefit of *Darshan* and blessings to the ladies devotees. *Sankhya Yogi* ladies devotees from various places had arrived on this occasion. The chief host of *Parayan*, devotee Shri Kamlaben Kantilal Patel

etc. ladies devotees had rendered their services on this occasion.

(Sakhi Mandal, Mota Ankevalia)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Dharmvallabhdasji, *Laxmi-poojan, Sharda-poojan, poojan* of Hanumanji and *Annakut* of New Year etc. were *Utsav* were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Large number of devotee and *Haribhaktas* performed divine *Darshan* of *Mangala Aarti* on the new year day. After performing divine *Darshan of Mangal Aarti and Annakut aarti*, all the devotees attended the *Sabha*. In the *Sabha* letter of blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was read over. Mahant Swami Dharmvallabhdasji blessed all the devotees and asked them to perform *Bhajan* and *Bhakti* while remaining under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

With directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj new arrival of Swami Nilkanthprasaddasji Guru Swami Jishnucharandasji and Swami Shantiprakashdasji was warmly welcomed by all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. *Tulsi Vivah* was performed on the pious day of *Kartak Sud-11* on Sunday 07/11/2011. The devotee Shri Navindbhai Dave, Akshar Nivasi devotee Dr. Dineshbhai Tevar family, devotee Shri Bharatbhai and devotee Shri Kaushikbhai Patel had rendered their services as the host of this occasion. (Vasant Trivedi)

I.S.S.O. Peoria Chapter (U.S.A.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Satsang Sabha* is organized regularly on every Sunday in Peoria Chapter.

On the pious day of New Year, beautiful *Annakut* of 108 various types of items was offered to Thakorji. In the *Sabha* on the next day, letter of blessings of New Year of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was read over to all the ladies

devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Harinandan Swami had narrated *Katha* on telephone. Dhyani Swami and Nirgun Swami had also conveyed their blessings. Many devotees and *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of this *Satsang Sabha*. (Ramesh Patel, Houston)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Houston-Texas

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, all festivals and *Utsavs* are celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Houston-Texas.

With the directions of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, three day *Shibir* of *Yuvak Mandal* was organized in the month of October wherein about 100 children had participated. In this *Shibir*, 'My Maharaj *Shibir, Dharm, Bhakti* and Knowledge with fun were relished by all the participants.

K.P. Swami and D.K. Swami had made beautiful arrangements and obtained the pleasure of the *Haribhaktas*. Moreover, *Janmotsav* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the pious day of *Vijayadashmi, Sharadotsav*, festivals of *Dipawali* etc. were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. *Poojan* of Shri Hanumanji Maharaj was performed on the pious day of *Kali Chaudas*. Similarly *Chopda-Sharda Poojan* was also performed on the pious day of *Diwali*, whose benefit was availed by many businessmen devotees.

Annakut Darshan was performed in the morning from 6.00 to 11.00 hours on the pious day of New Year. The festival of *Tulsi Vivah* was also celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm for four days. Many devotees and *Haribhaktas* and the devotees of *Yuvak Mandal* had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion and obtained the blessings of Shree Hari. (Ramesh Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken-New Jersey

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, on completion of *Dipotsavi Parva* on Sunday and of *Ekadasi* on Friday, Mahant Shastri Swami Madhavdasji performed *aarti* of Thakorji in the

presence of H.H. Shri Binduraja, Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar. Haribhaktas performed *Kirtan* of Nand saints. In his speech, Mahant Swami narrated the importance of *Utsav* through the scriptures. Thousands of devotees and *Haribhaktas* performed *Darshan* of *Sharda Poojan* of Diwali, *Govardhan Pooja* and *Annakut Darshan* of New Year. Devotee Shri Bhaktibhai announced the future festivals and at last all the devotees availed the benefit of *Mahaprasad*.

(Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, all the festivals were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia.

39th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on Vijaya Dashmi : On the divine occasion of 39th *Prakatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj was celebrated by all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* in the *Sabha* by cutting the cake along with Mahant Swami and the children. Thereafter, *poojan* of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed by the host devotees alongwith Gyan Swami. On this occasion Mahant Swami had explained the importance of *Dharmkul*. At last *Thaal-aarti* etc. were performed to Thakorji and all the devotees had availed the benefit of *Prasad*.

Dipotsavi Parva : In our temple *Ekadashi*, *Dhan-Teras*, *Poojan* of Hanumanji, *Sharda Poojan*, and grand *Annakutotsav* was offered to Thakorji on the New Year Day. There was divine *Darshan of Sayan Sandhya aarti* on the day of Dipawali, which was performed by Gyan Swami by lighting the lamps.

Tulsi Vivah : on the pious day of *Kartak Sud-11 Prabodhini Ekadashi*, grand *Tulsi Vivah* was celebrated. In the grand celebrations of *Tulsi Vivah*, the host devotee Shri Mahendrabhai and Jayaben Solanki had performed *Raas-Garba* alongwith other

devotes. The ritual of marriage of the deities was got performed by Shri Bharatbhai Jani. Shastri Gyan Swami had explained the importance of *Tulsiji and Ekadashi*.

(Pravin Shah)

Satsang Sabha in North Carolina (U.S.A.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* was performed at the new residence of the devotee Shri Vishnubhai Narandas Patel (Original Mansa-Ahmedabad) at North Carolina in the first week of November-2011. *Dhoon*, *Kirtan*, *Thaal* and *Aarti* to Thakorji were performed in the tradition of our *Sampradaya*. The devotee Shri Nirajbhai Joshi had got performed these rituals. At last meals were offered to all the devotees as *Prasad* and about ore than 40 devotees had availed the benefit of this *Satsang Sabha*. (Sujal V. Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland (U.S.A.)

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul*, grand *Annakutotsav* was offered to Thakorji on Sunday 03/10/2011. The chief host devotee Shri Maitribhai and Riddhiben Patel family and about 20 other co-host devotee families rendered their beautiful services. More than 700 devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of *Darshan of Annakutotsav*. During the Dipawali festival, *poojan* of Shree Hanumanji, *poojan* of Shree Laxmiji, *Sharda Poojan* etc. were also performed with great enthusiasm.

On the pious day of *Prabodhini Ekadashi* on 06/11/2011, 4-hour *Akhand Dhoon* was performed and on the occasion of concluding ritual of the pious *Chatur Maas*, five *aarti* were performed. On 13/11/2011 grand *Tulsi-Vivah* was celebrated. The devotee Shri Rakeshbhai and Tejalben Patel rendered their services as the host for Lord Shree Krishna and the devotee Shri Pravanbhai and Manaliben Patel rendered their services as the host for Tulsiji. All the rituals were got performed by Shri Anandbhai Upadhyay.

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

With the inspiration of Shastri Swami Vrajvallabhdasji and Poojari Harivallabhdasji, activity of Satsang is going on well.

(Prakashbhai Patel, Cleveland)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Columbus, (U.S.A.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, activity of *Satsang* is going on regularly. On every second week, *Satsang Sabha* is being organized at the residence of the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. On Saturday 05/11/2011, *Diwali Annakut Samaiyo* was celebrated wherein about more than 70 *Haribhaktas* of this place and Cleveland had participated.

Poojari Swami Harivallabhdasji from Cleveland temple had performed beautiful *Kirtan Bhakti* and Shastri Swami Vrajvallabhdasji performed *Katha-Varta*. With the co-operation of all the local devotees and *Haribhaktas*, activity of *Satsang* is increasing day by day.

(Jaidip Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta (I.S.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H.

Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Madhavjivandasji and Shastri Swami Satyaswaropdasji and under the guidance of trustee Shri Daksheshbhai Patel and Shri Rajubhai Patel, *poojan* of Kastbhanjandev, *Chopda Poojan* and *Laxmipoojan* were performed on 25/10/2011 and 26/10/2011. *Annakutotsav* was performed on 27/10/2011 and grand *Annakutotsav* was offered to Thakorji on 30/10/011.

Letter of blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was read over in the *Sabha*. *Sabha* of the next 12 months was booked by various devotees and *Haribhaktas* on this occasion. Devotee Shri Shaileshbhai, Shri Arvindbhai, Shri Rashmibhai Patel etc. *Haribhaktas* and other ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. The *Sabha* was conducted by devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai. Many devotees and *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of *Darshan* on this occasion. (Alpeshbhai, Bhaveshbhai and Vijaykumar)

AKSHARVAAS

Vihar– Devotee Shri Amrutbhai Madhavlal patel passed away to *Akshardham* on *Aaso Sud-11* 19/10/2011 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Timba (Tal. Wadhvan)- Devotee Shri Devabhai Khodabhai Gohil (Father of Hajuri Parshad Vajesang Bhagat) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 11/11/2011 (aged 74 years) while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Bopal-Ahmedabad- Devotee Shri Hardasbhai Barsiya (Gundasarwala) [father of devotee Shri Govindbhai Barsiya (Painter)] passed away to *Akshardham* on 05/11/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

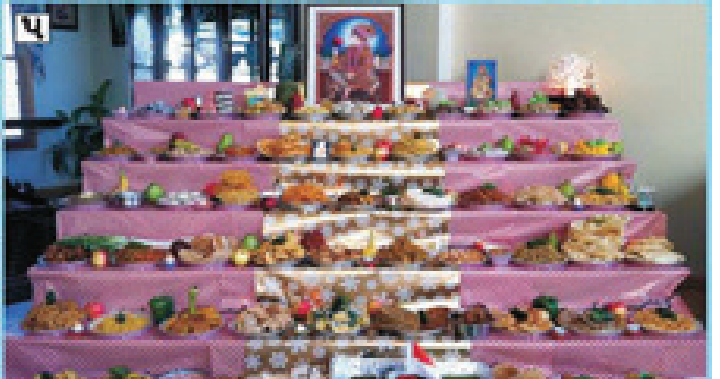
Nadiad (America)– Devotee Shri Kanubhai Keshavlal Dave passed away to Divine Abode of God on 04/11/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Narayanpura (Tal. Kadi)- Devotee Shri Amthiben (mother of devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Mafatlal Patel) passed away to *Akshardham* on 06/11/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Nava Vanzar– Devotee Shri Mathurdas Prajapati (host of this year's Patotsav of our temple of the village) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 20/11/2011 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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૧. શ્રી સહજાનંદ ગુરુકુળ અસારવા ખાતે પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી અને પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીની અધ્યક્ષતામાં વચનામૃત જ્ઞાન શિબિરમાં શ્રોતાઓને કથામૃતપાન કરાવતા પૂ. શા.સ્વામી નિર્ગુણદાસજી. ૨. સિનેમે-સન, કચિવલેન્ડ અને શિકાગો શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરમાં ભવ્ય તુલસી વિવાહ દર્શન. ૩. સીડની (ઓસ્ટ્રેલિયા) મંદિરમાં નૂતન વર્ષના ઠાકોરજીની અન્નકૂટની આરતી ઉતારતા શા. સ્વામી વિશ્વવિહારીદાસજી. ૪. બાયરન(અમેરિકા)મંદિરમાં દિવાળીના ભવ્ય અન્નકૂટ દર્શન. ૫. કોલંબસ (અમેરિકા) ચેપ્ટરમાં અન્નકૂટ દર્શન.



૧. કાંકરિયા મંદિરમાં લાભપાંચમના બાલસ્વરૂપ કષ્ટભંજન દેવનો અભિષેક કરતા પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી અને કાળીચોદશના માર્ત્તિ યજ્ઞની પૂર્ણાહુતિની આરતી ઉતારતા પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી સાથે સંત મંડળ અને હરિભક્તો. ૨. માંડલ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર શતાબ્દી પાટોત્સવ મહોત્સવ પ્રસંગે ઠાકોરજીની આરતી ઉતારતા પ.પૂ. મહારાજશ્રી અને શોભાયાત્રામાં દર્શન આપતા પ.પૂ. મહારાજશ્રી. ૩. મુબારકપુર મંદિરના પ્રથમ પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રીની નિશામાં કથા શ્રવણ કરાવતા પૂ. શા. રામસ્વામી અને સભા સંચાલન કરતા પૂ. પી. પી. સ્વામી (નાના) અને શાકોત્સવ કરતા પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી. ૪. ગવાડા મંદિરમાં પારાયણ પ્રસંગે વ્યાસપીઠની આરતી ઉતારતા પ.પૂ. મહારાજશ્રી સાથે મહંત સ્વામી અને દેવ સ્વામી અને યજ્ઞમાનશ્રીઓ વક્તા શ્રી પૂ. રામસ્વામીની આરતી ઉતારતાં.