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## EDITORIAL

Jay Shree Swaminarayan of new year of *Vikram Samvat 2069* to the whole *Satsang Samaj*. At present there is election-charged atmosphere in Gujarat. Every political party is trying its best; however, now the Common Man has recognized each of them.

It is our duty to vote. If everybody shows interest in voting then we will get some good people as representatives of the people. There are allegations of corruption everywhere and it is very difficult to identify the real man. All these talks are important and interesting for those who are interested in politics and worldly affairs. But we want to perform ardent *bhakti* and *bhajan*.

Adharanand Swami has stated in **Pur-27 Tarang-98** of his book:

***“Saint, Varni, Haribhaktas of Desh and Dharmvanshi would never adversely affect Dharma. This is considered to be complete Sabha of Satsang. To gossip about Satsang while sitting one corner is considered to be Kusang. And people engaged in such gossips would never get emancipation in their life.”***

This is very important and everybody should understand it.

Editor  
Mahant Swami  
Shastri Swami Harikrishn



**Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj  
1008 ShriKoshalendraprasadji Maharajshri  
(October- 2012)**

1. Graced the house of the devotee  
Shri Dipakbhai Naginbhai Patel,  
Navrangpura.
2. Graced the village Halvad on the  
occasion of *Brahmin Choryasi*.
- 14-15 Graced Mandvi (Kachchh).
- 21-23 Graced Sukhpar (Kachchh) and  
Vekra (Kachchh).
24. Celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> *Prakatyotsav*  
alongwith Saints and Haribhaktas  
in the pious company of H.H. Shri  
Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lajji  
Maharaj.
- 24<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November Pilgrimage to  
Australia for *Dharmvicharan*.



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***Arti Darshan* (Indian Standard time) \_ *Mangala Aarti* : 5.30 hours *Shangaar Aarti* : 8.05  
hours *Rajbhog Aarti* : 10.10 hours *Sandhya Aarti* : 18.30 hours *Sayan Aarti* : 20.30 hours**

# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri  
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

### Text-77

*The following are the best methods of observance of additional religious duties to be observed:-*

1. *Reading religious scriptures*
2. *Listening to religious scriptures*
3. *Reciting songs in praise of his divine qualities*
4. *Performing Mahapuja of the Lord's images*
5. *Chanting his Mantra*
6. *Reciting his hymns*
7. *Performing Pradikshana*
8. *Prostrating before God's image.*

*I highly value these eight practices, so all my disciples shall observe any one of these devoutly during Chaturmaasa.*

*Vishnoha Kathayaha Shraavanam  
Vachanam Gunakirtanam |*

*Mahapuja Mantrajapaha Stotrapathaha  
Pradakshinaha ||77||*

*Vishnu Katha or Shree Krishna Katha, such as Shrimad Bhagwat should be listened to (Shraavanam). Indeed any such revered texts such as Gita, Ramayana, Vachanamrut are all worthy texts. Bhagwat explains the qualities of a Vakta (One who recites the scripture) and the Shrota (the listeners).*

The desirable qualities of a **Vakta** are:

- **Yatharthavakta** – speaks the absolute truth
- **Shrutishastrasutraveta** – who fully understands the teaching of the Vedas
- **Suvaagh** – who has a pleasant style of speaking
- **Bodhandaksha** – enlightening, perfect spiritual knowledge
- **Aryaha** – renounce behavioural qualities

- **Shreekrushnabhakto** – A devotee of Shree Krishna
- **Nijadharmanishto** – follower of personal *Dharma*
- **Jaty Dwijanmasya** – born of the three upper castes the desirable qualities of a **Shrota** are:
- **Swadharmannishta** – follower of personal *Dharma*
- **Suchirekachito** – with should pure mind
- **Bhaktashatuvarnaja** – A devotee of one of the four castes
- **Adatscha** – who is respectful
- **Pugadhyacharvan** – does not have a tendency to chew betel nut
- **Vanita Na Pashyannu** – does not look at women (lustfully)
- **Shranishahino** – without headwear (Pagri etc.)
- **Nalsascha** – is not lazy
- **Mouni** – observes the vow of silence
- **Na Praudhpadi Na Cha Chagachloadhrim Pade** – does not sit with leg over leg
- **Dadhnaamsukveshtitadhrim** – hands still and does not sit using a cloth to bind his legs
- **Pujitvaktruvanirduragraham** – who praised the *Vaktas* style of speaking
- **Krodhampi Tyajohmscha** – who does not anger

One should build a habit of reading from *Shastras* and understand the qualities of God. Songs in praise of God should be sang in addition to reading. *Sanskrit or Prakrit* (Gujarati etc.) texts should be read. Such acts should be performed daily.

**Mahapuja** of god should be performed with *Panchamruta Snaan* (bathing the idol of God with milk, yoghurt, clarified butter, sugar and honey), *Mahabhishek* (sprinkling of water) and *Mahanaiveda* (offerings).

**Ashtakshara Mantra Japa** (chanting of the eight-syllabled Mantra), *Vishnu Stotra* or *Vishnusahstranama* (thousand names of *Vishnu*) etc. should be chanted according to one's ability, daily.

**Pradikishna** (circum-abulation) of the magnitude of 108 etc. should be performed.

## Text-78

**Shastanpranascheti Niyama  
Uttamamataha |  
Etesvekatmo Bhaktya Dhararniy  
Visheshtaha ||78||**

**Shastang Pranaam -Astabhirangauha  
Sahita Shastang Pranatiha Pranamaha** –  
Abulation by surrendering eight parts of one's  
body (as explained before) should be  
performed.

In this way God considers these eight  
*Niyama* great for *Chaturmaas*. They will  
derive fruits exceeding even those wished  
for.

Also the use of 'Cha' in the Sanskrit text  
suggests that other such famed *Niyams* are  
also worthy of practise: *Narad and Brahma in  
Skanda Purana* explain, "Ones mind and  
senses should be concentrated upon God.  
Such time should be used for devotion and  
meditation. One should renounce all ego as it  
is like poison to the body. During this time  
when God sleeps, man should always speak  
the truth as to do so pleases God. They  
should perform praise to Lord Vishnu and act  
to please him only. Chanting of his name  
derives salvation and so *Chaturmaas* should  
be used for remembrance of God  
*Brahmcharya* vow of celibacy) fuels  
*Swadharma* (duty) and therefore there is no  
other greater tool for such act. Anger, lust,  
selfishness and mundane desire are great  
enemies and so should be rejected during  
these months. One *Niyam* should be adopted  
to please God as a *Bhakti-Niyam* (such as  
one of the eight here mentioned over these  
two *Shlokas*).

The *Niyams* are of two types *Samanya*  
(ordinary to be practised without question by  
all) and *Vishesha* (additional as mentioned  
in these two *Shlokas*). Shatanand further  
explains the ***Samanya Niyams*** to be  
observed over *Chaturmaas*. These *Niyams*  
are basic expectations of all devotees and so  
should be observed first and foremost.  
*Bavishyotar Purana* explains : 'In *Shraavana  
Maas*, one should refrain ffrom all *Shakas  
(especially prepared vegetables of  
beans/lentils)*; in *Badarva*, yoghurts; milk in  
*Ashwin*; and in *Kartik* month *Dwidal (beens  
lentils which can be split in two)*.' In this way,  
the food types should be refrained from in the

first, second, third and final months of  
*Chaturmaas*.

**Skanda Purana** further says, 'In *Varsha  
Rutu*, when God sleeps, devotees of God  
should not sleep (in the sense that they  
should be spiritually awake in devotion to  
God). They should not sleep in a bed during  
such time (thus they should sleep upon the  
ground). Also they should refrain from  
aubergines (*Ringra*), watermelon (*Kalingra*)  
and radishes (*Mura*). Inedible substances  
such as garlic and the like should be  
renounced with greater effort. For one  
month, one should refrain from contact with  
one's own wife – living as a *Brahmchari*  
(celibate). One should overcome the senses  
and perform charitable acts.'

**Achardipa** explains, 'God distances  
himself from those who partake in *Ringra*,  
*Kalingra*, food of the sacred *Bila* tree and  
rose extract (*Gular*).' **Apararka** explains,  
'*Brahmcharaya (celibacy)*, *Saucha  
(cleanliness)*, *Satya (truth)* and *refraining  
from meat* are four of the greatest *Niyams*  
to be kept by all during *Chaturmaas*.'

**Parashar Muni** explains that the  
following are understood to be *Mamsa*  
(meat). 'Animal hair, water extracted using a  
leather pail, fruit containing many seeds, a  
kind of pulse called *Masur*, cooked or  
prepared foods/ vegetables obtained from a  
*Brahmin*, ready food which has salt added to  
it (in the sense that food is tasted to contain  
less salt and then salt is added), food not  
offered to God, unfiltered water, milk drank  
with sweets and milk obtained from animals  
other than cows, goats and buffaloes. These  
are comparable to meat in addition to the  
understood flesh definition of meat derived  
from animals. Sensible men renounce such  
things always and during *Chaturmaas*  
renounce such things with greater effort.'  
Other *Vratas* are defined in *Vratahemadri*.

*Chaturmaas* is a time of self-discipline to  
please the Lord Almighty. It is a time of  
spiritual awakenings and of Devotion to God  
over and above what we perform normally. It  
is a time of *Vrata* and *Upavaas* (fasting). We  
should all make an effort to do that much  
more to please God during these months.  
Such time is considered the greatest in the  
year and so penance during *Chaturmaas* will  
result in greater fruits.

# VASTRALANKAR IN THE FORM OF BHAKTA

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Shreeji Maharaj has granted us very simple and easy tradition to ensure our emancipation by performing ardent *Bhakti* and to get divine pleasure. We get this divine pleasure by offering clothes and ornaments to idol images of *Bhagwan*. By offering these things, we also offer our mind and surrender ourselves to *Bhagwan*. And surrendering is the first and foremost condition to get divine pleasure in spiritual path. It is for this reason only that, there are idol images of *Bhagwan* in our temples whom we offer all such things with ardent *Bhakti* and devotion as per capacity and as per our feelings. In temples with domes of our *Sampradaya*, various types of clothes and *Vastralankars* are offered to idol images of *Bhagwan* keeping the seasonal changes in mind. By offering the ornaments, our devotees should cherish that, they are close to Maharaj in the form of ornaments which are offered to Maharaj. However, we should not cherish pride of offering these things. It should be viewed as our luck that, we have got such a golden opportunity in our life that we are offering the clothes or ornaments to Maharaj.

In *Pusti-marg*, Vallabhacharya has spread the best method of rendering services and offering things to *Bhagwan*. In this method, poojan of the ornament is performed prior to offering them to *Bhagwan*. Thereby these clothes and ornaments are purified and sanctified. Even today in the great temples of Shrinathji/Badrinathji, there is a ritual of performing poojan of ornaments while offering ornaments and clothes at the time of Mangala aarti. Even in Vachanamrit-71

of Gadhda Chapter, Shreeji Maharajhas stated that, *Bhagwan* accepts such things, when offered with ardent *Bhakti* and devotion. Such ardent services are accepted by *Bhagwan* happily.

If we feel divinity while offering such things to *Bhagwan* then it is real pooja. Otherwise it is only a mechanical process. Now these things such as clothes and ornaments should be well preserved in our home because they are to be used daily for *Bhagwan*. These things should not be left scattered here and there in our house. When any of these clothes or ornaments get worn or broken they should not be used but should be offered in the pot of Tulsi-plant.

Even the utensils which are used for offering *Naivaidya* or *Thaal* or water to *Bhagwan* should be separate and they should not be used by us. Rather, the utensils which we use in the kitchen should not be used for *Pooja*, *Thaal* etc. in *Shloka-121* of 'Shiksha Patri' *Bhagwan* Sahjanand Swami has stated,

***"My philosophy rests in the theory of Vishistadvaita. Goloka Dhaama is my beloved abode. I believe Mukti (salvation) as being able to serve Lord Krishna as Brahmanrupa, in Goloka Dhaama."***

so while offering *Thaal* etc. we should offer our mind and heart also. We should become One with God while offering our services. *Shangaar* of *Bhagwan* is *Muktas* of Akshardham and therefore there are many devotees who crave to perform *Darshan* of *Shangaar aarti* of *Bhagwan*.

# IMPORTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING

- Sadhu Devswaroopdas (Jaipur)

The eagerness of a devotee is always towards Parmeshwar and by his ardent Bhakti he determines his future. It begins in two different ways. However, the goal is same and that is to achieve Shreeji Maharaj. This fundamental eagerness has always been respected in Satsang. In order to spread this fundamental eagerness, Shreeji Maharaj incarnated on this earth alongwith the saints and granted the benefit of Akshardham to innumerable saints and Haribhaktas. It opened up a new way of life for the human beings. “अक्षरनावासी वादो आल्या अवनी पर, अवनी पर आवी वादे सत्संग स्थाप्यो.” This is also appropriately stated in *Shreemad Bhagwat Gita*. We have to perform action only and we should not be worried about its result. There are so many bridges in our life which help us to cross the ocean of this world. *Dev, Acharya, Saints, Scriptues and Haribhakta* are the main bridges. Through these the tradition of Sampradaya would continue incessantly till there would be Sun and Moon in the sky. It is essential to understand importance of Satsang established by Shreeji Maharaj and while considering this understanding as the great duty, we should ensure emancipation in our life without getting entangled in any worldly affairs. Satsang insists that, we should understand its importance. This is the base of this Satsang and it is also its beauty. When we are at work to obtain pleasure of Maharaj, then we cannot be selfish. And we cannot remain selfish. *Bhagwan* Shree Swaminarayan Himself has used these two words ‘Importance’ and ‘Understanding in Vachanamrit. This understanding about the importance of Maharaj and *Satsang* would give us divine energy. And there would be pleasure everywhere.

Once Shreeji Maharaj was sitting in the Sabha in the village Loya in Darbar of

Bhaktraj Sura Khachar. One old but very erudite Brahmin of Zalawad area came there and was standing there outside the Sabha. Though his body was lean and weak but his confidence was very firm. His clothes were torn but his understanding was intact. There were so many ties in his clothes, but there were none in his mind. After great efforts, he found out a coin of one rupee and wanted to offer it at the lotus like feet of Maharaj. The omniscient Maharaj called him inside and stretched his hand to receive the coin, which this old Brahmin wanted to offer to Maharaj. Maharaj understood the importance of offering of this one coin.

‘Understanding’ and ‘Importance’ these two words are the essence of Vachanamrit and Satsang. By inculcating understanding in life, the essence of whole life is grasped and this becomes the real Dharma which is humanity. “रवि रवि करतां रे रजनी नहि मटे रे, अंधारुं तो उग्या पूंठे जाय.”

## Our future Festivals

Kartak Sud-11, 25/11/2012, Sunday  
Patotsav of Rangmahol Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in Ahmedabad temple.

Kartak Sud-14, 23/11/2012, Tuesday, Patotsav of Siddhpur temple.

Kartak Vad-2, 30/11/2012 Friday, Patotsav of Surendranagar temple.

Kartak Vad-05, 03/12/2012, Monday Patotsav of Bamroli (M.P.) temple.

Magsar Sud-4, 16/12/2012, Sunday Beginning of Dhanur Maas.

Magsar Sud-05, 17/12/2012, Monday Patotsav of Gandhinagar (Sector-2) temple.

Magsar Sud-6, 18/12/2012, Tuesday Patotsav of Himatnagar temple.

## AMRUTVANI OF H.H. SHRI MOTA MAHARAJ (SYDNEY-NEW ZEALAND)

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Once a government officer visited the house of one Satsangi farmer in the morning. The farmer offered a seat and a cup of tea. When the officer asked the farmer to join him in taking tea, the farmer refused saying, "No, I cannot take right now. I have yet to take bath. I have yet to perform poojan-archan." When the officer inquired about the ritual of *poojan-archan*, the farmer explained him in detail the procedure and method of worship and *poojan-archan*.

We all are like small insects say ants. These tiny ants relish the sugar dropped on the road. The bigger animals even do not notice the sugar. But the same sugar is food and everything for the ants. Similarly, like these ants, we also relish the small and tiny pleasure of *Satsang*.

We are taking pleasure in *Satsang*. This human life is very short. We should accomplish our work and task within the time available to us. The time is slipping every moment. One understands the importance of seconds better when one watches the famous T.V. Serial 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'. In the serial, every question is to be answered in a few seconds.

One Sheth named Lala Babu was residing in Calcutta. He went for a walk on the bank of the river Ganges. One boatman was shouting for the passengers, "Only last ride, only last ride." The words of the boatman touched the conscience of Sheth Lala Babu. He immediately rushed at home and started the religious and devout life.

A farmer had a field. Once he went to his friend, but he was not there at home. The wife of the friend asked him to sit for a while as he was about to return home. After some time, the friend returned home. There

was a dog with him. The dog was gasping. The farmer inquired whether the friend had gone to a nearby place or a distant place. His friend replied that, he had gone to a nearby place and on the way dogs of other areas started barking at the dog and therefore in order to save himself, the dog fought with the other dogs and therefore he was gasping. Similarly everything is very close to us. We can achieve them very easily. But majority of us waste our energy in quarrelling with others. But with technique one can accomplish his tasks and can get emancipation in life.

But Maharaj has given us beautiful opportunity which is not available so easily even to the deities! This human life is very precious and it is through this human body that we can get emancipation in our life. We can worship god. So we should try to understand the value of our human life and we are luckier than others that we have got Maharaj in our life and therefore we should make all the efforts to obtain pleasure of Maharaj.

Generally, way of getting happiness in our worldly life and the way of getting emancipation and happiness in our spiritual life are different. But Maharaj has showed us a way, which first gives us pleasures of our worldly life and thereafter it leads to ultimate goal of life i.e. Emancipation. Once Naradji came to Bhagwan. Bhagwan entrusted with him one task of holding a small thing upon his head and to move around the world. After some time, Naradji returned exhausted and told Bhagwan that, he was so much concerned and engaged in keeping the thing upon his head and moving around the world that he could not concentrate in his Bhakti. Bhagwan smiled and told, "Now you



will understand the importance of Bhakti being performed by My devotees. These my devotees perform ardent Bhakti while maintaining everything in his worldly life. And therefore me, their Bhakti is very precious." So Maharaj has given us this golden opportunity which we should grab and should perform ardent Bhakti because we are very much lucky that we have got Maharaj in our life.

The *nand* saints have stated that, we have got in this life which is available to the people of this world after their death only when they have led a honest, righteous and religious life. Once Maharaj was performing *Vicharan* from one village to another. In one such village, one Kathi Darbar was standing at a distance. Maharaj asked Sura Khachar, 'Why that Kathi Darbar is standing at a

distance?' Sura Khachar replied, "Maharaj, he is victim of addiction. So he cannot join us." though Sura Khachar objected Maharaj directed to keep him with them. Now during *Vicharan* with Maharaj, this Kathi Darbar had many good and bad experiences which led him to forsake his addiction and then he became an ardent devotee of Maharaj.

The message is that, if we remain in company of satsang and satsangi devotees and saints, then we would also get rid of our all evils and addictions. This would help us to improve the quality of our life. However, this does not mean that, we should continue with our addiction. But the thing is that, we should make sincere efforts to get rid of such addictions and inner weakness lying in us.

#### New Publication

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj '**Satsang Chintamani**' by Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji has been released on the occasion of 40<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The book contains various things essential to make our life replete with noble qualities and thereby to make our life happy. The book is worthy to be included in our home library.

#### Our New Publications

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj (1) **Hajari Kirtanavali** (re-print) (2) **Bhakta Chintamani** and (3) **Sadguru Nishkulanand Kavya**. These three books have been published by our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. These books were released on the occasion of 40<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The books are available on our *Sahitya-Kendra* of Kalupur temple.

## SPECIAL SATSANG DURING PIOUS DHANUR-MAAS

FROM 16/12/2012 TO 14/01/2013

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 throng 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



## Shree Swaminarayan Museum

સ્વસ્તિ શ્રી જેતલપુર મહા શુભ સ્થાને વિરાજમાન ઉત્તમોત્તમ સર્વ શુભ ઊપમા યોગ્ય બાઈ ગંગા એતાન શ્રીનરનારાયણના સમીપથી લિખાવિત સ્વામિશ્રી ૭ સહજાનંદજી તથા બાઈ જસબાના નારાયણ વાંચજો. અપર લખવા કારણ એ છે જે જસબાએ અમને કહ્યું છે જે આસજી પાસે રૂપિયા ૧૭૫) પોણા બસો છે તે રૂપિયા નરનારાયણ નિમિત્ત લેવા વેરાગાનંદ સ્વામી જાય છે તે જોઈએ છે તે રૂપિયા તમે આપજો અને તમારે જારે જોઈશુ તમારા રૂપૈયા અમે પાછા આપશું.

The Museum was inaugurated and while performing divine *Darshan* of 1<sup>st</sup> Hall of the Museum *Haribhaktas* felt greatly obliged. After performing divine *Darshan* of Things of Prasadi, it appeared as if the whole treasure house had been opened.

After performing *Darshan* of all Halls, *Haribhaktas* come towards the last hall and inquired to Dasbhai, “Why this Hall is closed? What is inside it? We want to perform *Darshan* of this Hall also.”

Just as Amrut (nectar) is very rare to obtain. 193 years ago Shreeji Maharaj used to preach the principles of Sampradaya as also Jiv Maya, Ishwar and also about Purushottam Bhagwan, Akshar Brahma, Maya, Ishwar and Jiv. Such questions were explained by Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji on Sunday 21/10/2012 in the evening from 4.00 to 6.00 hours in this last Hall. The questionnaire was initiated by Dr. Gangarambhai and all *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of Vachanamrit.

In the words of Swami, it is our luck that we have received the great scripture like ‘Vachanamrit’ describing Shreeji Maharaj vividly, which purifies our mind. In the last Hall, *Haribhaktas* had such a divine experience.

- Mahadev C. Patel

**List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Vojna October-2012**

Rs.2,50,100/-	Amarish and Kamini Patel, Chicago		Ahmedabad
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Rs.1,00,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Los Angeles	Rs.11,000/-	Akshar Nivasi Dinkarra Mehta)
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Rs.25,000/-	Haribhaktas having ardent love and affection towards Akshar Nivasi Manilal Laxmidas Bhalja Saheb Ankurbhai Dhirajbhai Patel-Ahmedabad	Rs.5,000/-	Kantibhai M. Contractor-Ambawadi
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**List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum October-2012**

28/09/2012	Lalitkumar Jagjivanram Thakkar-Ahmedabad.	24/10/2012	Australia-Perth
06/10/2012	Arvindbhai R. Donga-Bapunagar		Naran Jadva Khetani through
06/10/2012	Valjibhai Premjibhai Sabhadiya-Mumbai	24/10/2012	Premjibhai Sukhpar at present
07/10/2012	Bhikhabhai Govindbhai Parmar-New Vadaj through Mukeshbhai and Rinkeshbhai		Australia-Perth
10/10/2012	Shree Swaminarayan Mahila Mandal-Viratnagar through Sankhya Yogi Ranjanba and Naniben	24/10/2012	(In the evening) On the occasion of
13/10/2012	H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj through Sandipbhai, Amrutbhai and Chiragbhai		Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya
14/10/2012	Shree Swaminarayan Mahila Mandal-Kalupur through Nehaben	26/10/2012	Maharaj through Sankhya Yogi
20/10/2012	Manjibhai Shivjibhai Hirani (America)		Vimlaba – Mukeshbhai Kalolvala
21/10/2012	Narayanpar-Kachchh-Bhuj	27/10/2012	Sudhakarbhair Trivedi-America
24/10/2012	Kantaben Natvarlal Pujara-Ahmedabad	30/10/2012	Prakashbhai Muljibhai Kacha (Kacha Saries), Leicester, U.K. On the occasion of Sthapan and Poojan of Ganpatiji of Prasadi.
	Vishram Lalji Pindoriya-Madhapar-Kachchh through Kantibhai at present		Akshar Nivasi Kamlaben Gajanand Jadav-Maninagar through anilbhai and Rajubhai and Yogeshbhai.
			Shree Swaminarayan Mahila Mandal-Bapunagar
			Dr.Manoj Jaidevbhai Brahmhatt-America through Sandipbhai

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**JANHITKARI SHREE HARI**

**- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)**

The king Harisinh was cherishing animosity with *Maharaj*. But he did not reveal it to anybody. This is the most dangerous aspect of human beings. All the animals behave as per their nature and temperament and therefore their behaviour and conduct are predictable. But human nature is unpredictable. A man thinks something different and behaves something different.

Once the king Harisinh heard that, *Maharaj* is passing by the village of Limbdi. Therefore he called devotee Naranbhai and asked him to bring *Maharaj* to village Limbdi. In fact king Harisinh had conspired to dishonour *Maharaj* but innocent devotee Naranbhai could not understand it. He was happy to think that king would perform great *Samaiyu* of *Maharaj*. But omniscient *Maharaj* knew everything. So when devotee Naranbhai came to *Maharaj* and requested him to grace the village Limbdi, to his surprise, *Maharaj* refused to enter the village. On the contrary *Maharaj* asked him to call all the devotees of the village Limbdi outside the village, if any of them wanted to have *Darshan*.

In this way, *Maharaj* passed by the village Limbdi but did not enter the village. *Maharaj* sent Somla Khachar and Dada Khachar to king Harisinh of Limbdi. These great devotees rushed in the palace of the king and warned him that, if he would do anything which would harm *Maharaj*, then they would take its revenge in such a way that, the king would lose everything. The king Harisinh realized his mistake. Then Dada Khachar and Somla Khachar returned to Shreeji *Maharaj* at the bank of

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**SATSANG BALVATIKA**

- Compiler Shastri Harikehsavdasji  
(Gandhinagar)

the lake situated in the outskirts of the village Bhalgamda. *Maharaj* was waiting for them.

Bhaktas how beautiful is this incident!!! Shree Hari is always concerned about the devotees and *Haribhaktas* and thinks about their happiness. So we should cherish the faith that, whatever is done, it is done for good only.

હું હરિનો હરિ મમ રક્ષક  
એ ભરોસો જાય નહિ  
જે હરિ કરશે તે મમ હિતનું  
એ નિશ્ચય તજાય નહિ.

If we perform *Bhakti* while cherishing such faith and trust in *Bhagwan* then there would be Diwali on every day of our life. Happy Diwali and Nutan Varshabhinandan to all the readers of *Balvatika*.

**CHARITRA CHINTAN- WAY OF HAPPINESS**

**- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)**

*Mukti* and *Bandhan* are the two main reasons for happiness and unhappiness in life. Wherever there is *Bandhan* there is unhappiness and wherever there is *Mukti* there is happiness. And therefore only, when the great Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta became Mukta from his wife and child, he uttered these words :

“સારું થયું ભાંગી ઝંગાળ, સુખે ભજીશું  
શ્રીગોપાલ.”

But *Vairagya* is the master key to

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**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI  
GADIWALA 'KARMA AND DHARMA  
GO TOGETHER IN LIFE'**

**- Compilation : Kotak Varsha Natvarlal,  
Ghodasar**

WE do perform *Satsang* and listening to *Katha* regularly. Then also it is essential for us to lead devout and righteous life as per the directions given in the scriptures which we should keep on thinking in our mind. Everybody in this world has to perform *Karma*; simultaneously, he has to live a noble and honest life. There is always a struggle of Good and Evil inside us. Early in the morning, many of us think to sleep for a while in the bed. This is Duryodhan in us. He is symbol of *Adharma*. He teaches us to sleep and remain in the bed. And who asks us to get up early in the morning? Yudhisthir in us. He is symbol of *Dharma*. So we have to think for a while and decide as to whose advise should we obey. *Parmatma* never interferes in this struggle. He watches everything neutrally. And it is *Parmatma* who grants result of our action. If one gets result of his actions, as per his desire and wish, then he would not do Purusharth in his life. To quench our thirst we have to drink water. To kill the deer, the lion has to run after it. To satisfy our hunger and to take food from our dish we have to use our hands and mouth. So without *Karma* there is no result. Similarly, in order to get emancipation in our life, we have to perform noble actions. We have to lead a religious and righteous life.

There was a king. He had four queens. Among all the queens, the king loved the youngest one very much. He used to give all types of beautiful clothes and ornaments to the youngest queen. The king used to take care of his third queen. He used to spend his best time with her. The second

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queens used to advise the king as and when he would require or would be in need of. But the king does not like his first queen and therefore, he always ignores her. In fact, the king loved her very much. Now the king was found always worried thinking lest somebody would take away his youngest queen. Once the king becomes sick, and he is now bedridden. Now it was the last time of life of the king. The king calls all the queens one by one and asks them individually who was ready to accompany him? No queen was ready to accompany the king except the first one whom the king had always ignored.

This story is symbolic. The fourth queen is our body. The the third queen is our wealth and money. The second queen is our relatives. And the first queen is our soul. Now during the whole life, we take care of our body the most. Then we keep on running after wealth and money. We are also concerned and worried about our status and impression in our family and among our relatives. But we hardly listen to the advise of our inner soul. So the lesson to be learned from this story is that, we should listen to our inner soul and should lead a religious, honest and straightforward life while worshipping our Maharaj.

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**KUSHAGRA BUDDHI**  
**- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba**  
**(Surendranagar)**

Our scriptures and saints say that, a man who is alert in securing his *Kalyan*,

should be understood as a man with sharp memory. In 30<sup>th</sup> *Shloka* of 18<sup>th</sup> *Adhyay* of *Shrimad Bhagwat Gita*, Bhagwan Shree Krishna has stated that, it is with *Buddhi* (intelligence) that, we understand the form of *Bandhan* of this world and also the form of *Moksha* (emancipation). Such an intelligence is called *Sattvik Buddhi*. *Rajasik Buddhi* cannot comprehend what is *Dharma* or *Adharma*. It cannot either know what is *Karya* or *Akarya*. Whereas *Tamasi Buddhi* considers *Adharma* to be *Dharma* and *Dharma* to be *Adharma*. It also considers *Sat-purush* to be *Asat-purush* and *Asat-purush* to be *Sat-purush*. Thus, its understanding is quite contrary to the ultimate reality and Truth.

A man uses his intelligence granted by Bhagwan for various purposes during the whole of his life. Some use it to earn money and wealth. Some waste it in satisfying *Vasanas* and *Kamanas*. Some use it for any practical and pragmatic purposes. Some learned Pandits, study the scriptures, learn them by heart and thereby uses it for noble purposes. But if one is not conscious and alert to secure his emancipation then it is not *Kushagra Buddhi*. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated about this in 50<sup>th</sup> *Vachanamrit* of *Gadhda First Chapter*.

There are various yardsticks to measure this *Kushagra Buddhi*. A Karma which is performed in order to please Bhagwan, is real Karma and only such Knowledge is real which is used for noble cause. During the age of Ramayana, there were great learned people but they could not achieve Bhagwan Shree Rama without ardent *Bhakti*. The king Ravana is the glaring example. Even in Krishnavatar, the king Jarasangh and the king Karna could not recognize Bhagwan Shree Krishna. But the ardent devotees like Shabari in

Ramavatar and Gopis of Vrindavan in Krishnavatar could recognize Bhagwan and therefore they performed ardent worship without expecting anything from life. And therefore, they could get divine *Darshan* of Bhagwan and could get emancipation in their life. Similarly, great saints like Nirvikalpanand Swami Haryanand Swami Purananand Swami were erudite saints but they could not secure emancipation; whereas great devotees of our *Sampradaya* such as Jivuba, Laduba, Rajbai, Ladkibai, Ladhiba etc. were performing ardent *Bhakti* of Maharaj and therefore they could get divine *Darshan* of Shree Hari. This is *Kushagra Buddhi* of great devotees which we all should inculcate in our life.

#### IMPORTANCE OF DAAN (OFFERING)

- Sankhya Yogi Kundanba Guru  
Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba

Oh *Bhaktas*! Importance of the *Daan* (offering) has been described in detail in our scriptures. *Daan* is considered to be ornament of *Dharma*. Bhagwan has granted two hands. One hand to earn money and the other hand to spend it for *Dharma*, *Daan*, etc. it is stated that, unhappiness should be tolerated but happiness should be distributed. So till there is convenience, we should avail this divine benefit of using our money and wealth for noble causes. We are the trustees of our wealth and should spend it for *Bhagwan*. Just as taking bath cleanses our body, listening *Katha-varta* cleanses our mind, spending money for noble causes and offering *Daan* cleanses our wealth.

In *Shloka-147* of '*Shiksha Patri*', Shreeji Maharaj has stated,

**"They shall donate one tenth of their earnings, money or food grains to**

**Lord Shree Krishna. Those with insufficient income shall offer one twentieth.”**

In *Shloka-155* it is stated,

**“My wealthy Satsangis shall perform non-violent Yagnas for propitiating Vishnu. They shall feed Brahmins and ascetics in places of pilgrimage and also on auspicious days.”**

In *Shloka-156* it is stated,

**“My wealthy Satsangis shall**

**organize celebrations of great religious festivals in temples and shall give various kinds of alms to deserving Brahmins.”**

Thus, importance of *Daan* is recognized even by the scriptures, and it is directed by Shree Hari that, all the devotees should offer *Daan*, as per their capacity. So let us understand the importance of *Daan* and try to implement the above directions of the pious ‘*Shiksha Patri*’ in our life.

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release ourselves from *Bandhan*. One can remain free in life only through *Vairagya*. Now this *Vairagya* should be that of *Bhagwan* Shree Swaminarayan. One name of *Bhagwan* Shree Swaminarayan is :

“तीव्र वैराग्यायदनमः”, “तीव्र वैराग्यः”

It means strong *Vairagya*. How strong would be *Vairagya* of Bal Ghanshyam *Maharaj* that at the tender age of 11 years, He left home, relatives for *Van-vicharan* as *Nilkanthvani*. Generally when we go outside for any tour for say ten-twelve days, then we take with us, luggage and bags, so that all our comforts are continued. But here *Bhagwan* did not think about any comforts and did not take anything from house. This is strong *Vairagya*.

On completion of *Tapa*, *Maharaj* came down from *Pulhashram* and came to village *Butolpur*. *Maharaj* took rest at the outskirts of the village. *Mayarani* was the king of village. *Mayarani* saw *Maharaj* and was greatly influenced by personality of *Varniraj*. The king ardent requested *Maharaj* to grace the palace. *Maharaj* accepted the invitation and graced the

palace of *Mayarani*. After offering services, *Mayarani* asked *Maharaj* to leave *Vairagya* and to accept the kingdom as well as two princesses:

“ग्रहो कुंवरी मारी द्योय राज करी स्थापुं,  
घशा गाम एंती पैदल हुं प्रेमथी आपुं.”

The king insisted to accept the proposal but *Varniraj* refused saying that there was no need for Him to enter and accept *Grihashthram*. But the king tried to persuade *Maharaj* by logic and reasoning and said:

“ज्यारे थाशे जोजन लेर पछी पस्ताशो.”

The king ardently requested *Maharaj* with folded hands to stay in the palace. But *Varniraj* refused. At last the king resorted to threatening and directed the soldiers to keep watch over *Maharaj* and not to allow Him to go outside the palace. The omniscient and omnipotent *Bhagwan* Shree Swaminarayan smiled at such instructions and in no time went out of the palace.

So in this way, all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* should ardently cherish *Vairagya* and *Bhakti* in our life then only we would get emancipation in our life.

**Celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Mulidham**

On the pious day of *Aaso Sud-10 Vijaya Dashmi*, 40<sup>th</sup> *Prakatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and in the presence of saints and devotees and *Haribhaktas*.

When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the temple, thousands of saints and *Haribhaktas* performed grand *Samaiya* amidst beautiful music and fire cracking. All the Other Forms of Shree Hari performed *Shringaar aarti* of Shree Narnarayandev and then graced the *Sabha* organized on the occasion. The learned *Pandits* and *Brahmins* performed the ritual of *Swastivachan-poojan-archan*. Thereafter the chief host of *Prakatyotsav*, Shree Narnarayandev Yivak Mandal, Mumbai (Bhayandar) and the co-host the devotee Shri Vishram Lalji Pindoriya family (Madhapar-Kachchh) (at present at Perth-Australia) and his sons devotee Shri Kantibhai, Vijaybhai, Sureshbhai and the son-in-law Shri Mukeshbhai Khimjibhai Halai alongwith Krishnaben Navindbhai Mandaliya (Morbiwala) (through Pratik family) performed *aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj.

Thereafter, the leading saints and the members of the Scheme Committee performed Group *aarti*. On this occasion Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Mahant Shastri Swami Shyamsundardasji of Muli, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nautamprakashdasji (Vadtal), Shastri Vishwaswaroopdasji and Swami Harikishnadasji (approach) etc. saints offered their best wishes on this pious occasion.

**News And Notes  
From Shri  
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On this occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj released new publications viz. 'Hajari *Kirtanavali*' (re-print), 'Nishkulanand *Kavya*', 'Bhakta *Chintamani*' and blessed the saints and devotees who rendered their services for these publications. Among these saints and devotees Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji, devotees Shri Rameshbhai R. Marfatiya (America), *Akshar Nivasi* devotee Shri Mavjibhai Visram Khimani, Kumari Sushilaben (Dahisara-Kachchh), devotee Shri Karshanbhai Jina Jesani, Ratanbai (Baladiya-Kachchh), devotee Shri Kantilal Mavji Khimani, Sharmista, Neha, Shaili (Dahisara-Kachchh) (at present Bolton-UK).

Besides this 'Satsang *Chintamani*' booklet by Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji and 'Shree *Harileela Sindhu Part-I*' booklet by Brahmchari Vaishnavanand published by Jetalpur temple were also released.

On this pious occasion, a documentary film was shown on large screen showing the compilation of all the activities of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj undertaken for the nourishment of Satsang and Sampradaya from early childhood till date in various places all over the world. This beautiful compilation and film were prepared by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal I.S.S.O. America, whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees.

At last all the three Other Forms of Shree Hari granted blessings to the saints and the devotees. The whole *Sabha* was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji.

With the inspiration of Shri Mahant Swami and under the guidance of Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat, the whole programme was organized by Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, J.K.Swami, Yogi Swami, Shastri Vishwaviharidasji with the services rendered by Shree Narnarayandev



Yuvak Mandal, Ahmedabad, Bapunagar and Jivrajpark. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of *Mahaprasad* for which services were rendered by the devotee Mavitr *Akshar Nivasi* Mavjibhai Visram Khimani, Manbai, Sushilaben (Dahisara-Kachchh), Mavitra devotee Karshanbhai Jina Jesani, Ratanbhai (Baldiya-Kachchh), Kantilal Mavji Khimani, Sharmilaben, daughters Neha and Shaily (village Dahisara-Kachchh (at present Bolton-U.K.)). (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji).

### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Guruprasaddasji and Shastri Anandprasaddasji of Kankaria temple, *Utsav* of procession of Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. During the *Utsav*, Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji and the saints explained the importance of Bhagwan. All the devotees availed the benefit of *Prasad*. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered beautiful services on this occasion.

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shrimad Satsangijivan Night Saptah *Parayan* was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria, from 10/09/2012 to 16/09/2012 with Sadguru Swami Nirgundasji as the spokesperson. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastry Yagnaprakashdasji. *Mahapooja* and Chhapanbhog were offered in the pious company of Thakorji on the pious day of Amas of Adhik Purushottam Maas.

On 12/09/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the temple at night on 8.30 hours and granted the benefit of Darshan and blessings. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion and offered the benefit of *Amrut-vani*.

With the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji and Mahant Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji, Narottam Bhagat, Nirubhai and Poojari Muktjivandas of Muli and Hariprasaddas rendered beautiful services. Furthermore services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Shree Hari Mahila Yuvak Mandal and Kastbhanjandev Path Mandal were

inspirational on this occasion. Gor Vishnubhai Shastri and Gaurang Maharaj performed *Group Mahapooja*. (Dr. Hiren)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Satsang Sabha in Thaltej during pious Adhik Maas**

with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Dhoon, Kirtan, Satsang Katha* etc. were performed by Shree Narnarayandev Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal in Thaltej-Bodakdev area from at night from 8.00 to 11.30 hours on 02/09/2012. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura temple) and *Kirtankar* Poorav Patel performed *Kirtan* Bhakti. The devotee Shri Dhanvantbhai Patel rendered the services as host of the *Sabha*. H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed the ladies devotees. It is requested to all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* of Thaltej-Bodakdev area to avail the benefit of this *Satsang Sabha* which would be organized every month on Saturday from 8.00 to 11.00 hours. Contact : Shri Krishnakantbhai Shamjibhia Patel, C-10 Shangrilla-Meghraj (9825956220) Dhanvantbhai Patel (Thaltej: 9825016453)

### **Saraswati Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya Aksharmaholvadi, Jetalpur**

Shree Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyala, Jetalpur, established by H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, is completing 200 years. As per the past practice, this year also *Saraswati Poojan* programme was organized by the lecturers and students of Sanskrit Pathshala from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 wherein various programmes in Sanskrit language were performed by the students of Pathshala. Dharmkul had rendered the services as the host of this programme and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj

had performed *Poojan*. Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Kantilal Shah family (Ahmedabad) also rendered the services as the host and availed the benefit of Saraswati *Poojan* and *Poojan* of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. Shri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham), Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Shastri Hariomprakashdasji an Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji were also present on this divine occasion. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had blessed all the devotees and students of Pathshala on this occasion for progress and development of Pathshala. The whole programme was conducted by Prof. Shri Vasudev Purohit.

All the arrangements were made by Mahant Shri K.P. Swami, Principal Shri Vachaspati Mishra (Mota Guruji) and students Prakashkumar Rameshbhai Joshi (Shastri-3). Services of all the students were very inspirational. Saints, Parshads and students of both Desh have been studying Std.9 to M.A. (Somnath University) free of cost in this Pathshala. (Shastri Bhaktinandandasji and Prakash Joshi, Jetalpurdham)

**Sabha organized on the occasion of 31<sup>st</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gavada**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, 18<sup>th</sup> *Satsang Sabha* was organized on 26/08/2012 at Himatnagar wherein Shastri P.P. Swami, Shastri Vishwaswaroop Swami and Shastri Harijivandasji (Mahant of Himatnagar) narrated the benefit of *Katha-Varta*. 19<sup>th</sup> *Sabha* was organized on 21/09/2012 at village Samau wherein Shastri P.P. Swami, Shastri Ram Swami and Shastri Chetan Swami had performed *Katha-Varta*. 20<sup>th</sup> *Sabha* was organized on 23/09/2012 at village Lodra wherein Shastri P.P. Swami, Shastri Ram Swami and Abhay Swami narrated beautiful

*Katha-Varta*. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

**Celebration of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jaipur (Rajasthan)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Mahant Shastri Swami Devswaroopdasji, *Patotsav* of Thakorji was celebrated on Sharavan Vad-5 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jaipur, with great fervour and enthusiasm. *Mahapooja* and *Annakut* etc. were performed. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri Hariprakashdasji (Makansar) blessed the devotees. (Krishna Bhagat)

**Katha Parayan, Jaljilani and Mahamantra Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaja and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the guidance of Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddasji, Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah *Parayan* was organized from 03/09/2012 to 09/09/2012 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura). The devotee Shri Ambalal Magandas Patel (Shilaj) rendered the services as the host of the *Parayan*. During the *Parayan* all the *Utsav* were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced the occasion to grant divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. At last arrangements of *Mahaprasad* were made by Dev Swami and Prem Swami.

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, procession of *Jaljilani Ekadashi* was celebrated on 26/09/2012 with great fervour and enthusiasm. The procession consisted of band party, tractors, decorated vehicles, horse carts etc. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also participated in the procession. Padyatra of ladies devotees was also organized and in this way procession reached at Naranghat temple in

the evening at 4.00 hours wherein H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed *Poojan-archan* of Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj. *Akshar Nivasi* Bhagwandas Shivds Patel family member devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai (Fuva) and his brother devotee Shri Natvarbhai Patel had rendered the services as night-halt of Thakorji. At night beautiful programme of *Kirtankar* Shri Hasmukh Patadiya and comedian artist Dhansukh Tank was organized at 9.00 hours in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At night H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed the ladies devotees of the host family.

Arrangements of *Mahapooja* at the residences of both the brothers were made by Mahant Shastri Hariomprakashdaji. Concluding *aarti* of *Mahapooja* was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion, saints and thousands of *Haribhaktas* were present in the *Sabha* which was blessed by the H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Devotees Shri Ashwinbhai, Vipulbhai of the host family had availed the benefit of this divine occasion.

#### **Mahapooja-Mahamantra Dhoon**

Beautiful *Mahapooja* was organised by Mahant Swami and *Bhudev* of *Pathshala* on the occasion of *Shri Hari Antardhan-tithi* on 10/10/2012 *Bhadarva Vad-10*. Devotee Shri Nareshbhai Bhavsar and devotee Shri Hiteshbhai Soni rendered the services as the hosts of this *Mahapooja*. At last *Mahaprasad* was offered. In the evening *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* was organized from 4.00 to 6.30 hours whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and *Haribhaktas*.

(Patel Ghanshyambhai, Uvarsad)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Anandjivandasji, *Katha Parayan* was organised in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar during the pious Purushottam Maas. Accordingly, first *Parayan* was organized with the services rendered by the devotee Shri Bachubhai

Taxiwala family, second *Parayan* was organized with the services rendered by *Haribhaktas* of Siddhpur and third *Parayan* was organized with the services rendered by devotees Ranchhodbhai patel and Chandrakantbhai Patel. Fourth *Parayan* was organized with the services rendered by devotee Shri Mavjibhai Ambabhai Dhaduk and Drhuv (Abhrampur, Savarkundla) and devotee Shri Rekhaben Kanubhai Patel and Gaurangbhai of Vadaj and obtained the blessings of Shree Hari.

(Kothari Hariprakashdas)

#### **Satsang Sabha in Shree Prabha Hanumanji temple, Jamiyatpura**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, on Sunday 07/10/2012 on the occasion of *Antardhan Tithi* of H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* was organized with Shastri Ghanshyam Swami as the spokesperson. On this occasion Mahant Swami Hariomprakashdasji of Naranpura narrated *Katha-Varta*. Shyam Swami Chaitanya Swami had also arrived on this occasion and explained the importance of Dev and Shree Hanumanji Maharaj. At the end of *Katha*, *Haribhaktas* performed *aarti* and availed the benefit of *Prasad*. The *Sabha* was conducted by devotee Shri Ghanhyambhai Patel (Uvarsad).

(Mahant Swami Vijayprakashdas)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adishwarnagar, Naroda**

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 Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* was performed on 08/09/2012 by Shri Harijivan Swami and Baldev Swami – the disciples of *Akshar Nivasi* Gavaiya Swami. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion. Amongst the saints Mota P.P. Swami, Shastri Ghanshyam Swami (Mansa), Sadguru swami Jagapakashdasji (Kalupur), Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Makansar) and Mahant Swami Madhavprasaddasji of

Prantij temple had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the whole *Sabha*. On 25/09/2012, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion.

(Kothari Bhikhubhai Dabhi)

### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Pancham Gyan Satra was organized from 10/09/2012 to 16/09/2012 in our temple. Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda *Katha* was organized and devotee Shri Himatbhai Padshala had rendered the services as the chief host. Shastri Swami Dharmvallbhdasji and Dhastri Vrajvallabhdasji were the spokespersons. The whole arrangements were made by Kothari Amrutbhai Patel and Arvindbhai Sendhabhai Patel under the guidance of Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji. During the *Katha*, all the *Utsav* were celebrated wherein devotees Shri Laxmanbhai Thakore, Ranjitsinh Vaghela, Dilipbhai Patel and Jagdishbhai Darji had rendered the services as the hosts.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed *aarti* of 'Govardhan Annakut' and blessed all the devotees. Mahant Swami Harvallabhdasji and Harinandan Swami had conducted the *Sabha*. At last all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of *Prasad*. (Pravinbhai Upadhyay)

### **Satsang Sabha in Diyodar (Banaskantha)**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* organized on 18/10/2012 at the residence of devotee Shri Dilipbhai Thakkar wherein Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji and Shastri Madhavpriyadasji explained the importance of nine Dham. (Diyodar Satsang Samaj)

### **Satsang Sabha in Marusana**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* organized on 19/10/2012 in Umiya Mataji Chawk wherein Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji and Shastri Madhavpriyadasji narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*. (Jivanbhai Patel)

### **Satsang Sabha in Chanasma**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* organized on 16/10/2012 in the village Chanasma wherein Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji and Shastri Madhavpriyadasji explained the importance of Shree Narnaryaandev and Dharmkul.

(Babubhai Kothari)

### **Satsang Sabha in Deesa**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* organized in the village Deesa wherein Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji and Shastri Madhavpriyadasji explained the importance of Bhagwan and Dharmkul.

(Gunvantbhai)

### **Shree Narnarayandev Bal Satsang Mandal, Ahmedabad**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Yatra of children of Shree Narnarayandev Bal Satsang Mandal was organized on 14/10/2012 wherein Darshan of Thakorji was performed of Himatnagat, Sapawada, Torda and Prantij temples. Mahant Swami of each temple had explained the importance of each place and temple. During the whole arrangement, devotee Shri Ratibhai Patel (Member of Scheme Committee) and Rakesh Bhagat of Bapunagar had rendered beautiful services.

(Gopalbhai Modi)

### **Satsang Sabha in Unad (Tal. Vadnagar)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* was organized on Thursday 25/10/2012 in village Unad, Tal. Vadnagar of Dandhavya. Devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaj (Visnagar) was the spokesperson of the *Sabha* whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar.

(Tulsibhai Patel, Unad)

### **Satsang Sabha in Lunva (Tal. Kheralu)**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* was organized on Saturday 13/10/2012 in village Lunva

(tal.Kheralu).Devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaj (Visnagar) was the spokesperson of the *Sabha* whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar. (Sumatilal Bhavsar, Lunva)

## MULI DESH

### **Satsang Sabha in Muli temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, divine *Satsang Sabha* was organized by Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji on Bhadarva Sud-15. Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of the *Sabha*. Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Wankaner) and Swami Bhaktiharidasji (Dhrangadhra) and Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) had arrived on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and made announcement that, there would be beautiful *Satsang Shibir* for the children of Muli Desh . The whole *Sabha* was conducted by Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji (Surendranagar) whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees of Zalawad area.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

### **Ranjitgadh Dariyari Lake (Tal. Halvad)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Swami Bhaktiharidasji (Dhrangadhra temple), *Samaiya* of Bhadarva Amas was organized on 15/10/2012 wherein grand Shobha-yatra of idol image of Shree Nilkanthvarni was performed and grand *Abhishek-Utsav* was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. (Kothari Swami)

## OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

### **Celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Sinemansion temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and our Future Achrya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota

Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Gadiwala with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji of Vadnagar temple, Mahant Shastri Swami Vishaprakashdasji (Vadnagar) of Sinemansion and Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji and with the co-operation of the devotee Shri Rajeshbhai B. Patel (Vaduwalla) (President of Sinemansion temple) and members of local committees, 5<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sinemansion was celebrated from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangibhusan Saptah *Parayan* was organized from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 wherein Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji was the spokesperson. On the first day, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012 in the evening H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and grand *Samaiyu* was performed by the saints and *Haribhaktas*.

Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the houses of the devotees and *Haribhaktas* on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012. In the morning at 9.00 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj initiated 'Shree Hariyag' wherein about 190 host devotees participated. On this occasion 21 Kundi *Yagna*, *Group Mahapooja* and Medical Camp etc. were also organized.

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012, grand Shobhayatra of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was organized wherein saints from Sinemansion, Addison, Weehawken, Hyustan, Detroit, Chicago, Florida, Cleveland had arrived. Mayor of Sinemansion city had also participated in the Shobhayatra. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj concluded 'Shree Hariyag'. At night Kathi *Haribhaktas* of Gundali village had performed acting on 'Shree Hanuman Chalisa' and beautiful cultural programme, which was relished by all.

In the morning at 8.00 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Poojan-archan* of Shree

G h a n s h y a m M a h a r a j , S h r e e Radhakrishnadev, Shri Namarayandev, Shri Revti-Baldevji Maharaj, Shree Suryanarayandev, Shri Vidhavinayakdev, Shri Hanumanji Maharaj etc. and performed *Abhishek* of Shree Hari with '*Kesharjal*'.thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Rajat Tula of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj on the pious occasion of Pancham *Patotsav*. And *Sabha* was conducted wherein H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Poojan* of spokesperson of *Katha* and then performed concluding *aarti* of *Katha*. Thereafter, the host devotees performed *Poojan-aarti* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The host devotees and the donors were honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the *Sabha* Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji encouraged all by praising the valuable services rendered by the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji (Mahant of Vadnagar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji (Mahant of Dholka), Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul), Sadguru Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji (Hyustan), Sadguru Shastri Swami Vivekprasaddasji (Florida), Sadguru Shastri Swami Vrajvallbhdasji delivered their inspirational speeches. Moreover, Shastri Swami Gyanprakashdasji (Colonia), Shastri Swami Sarveshwardasji (Detroit) and Shastri swami Shantiprakashdasji (Chicago) and Shastri swami Ghanshyuam Swami (Weehawken) granted *Maun-ashish* on this pious occasion.

At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and insisted the devotees to have *Niyam*, *Nishchay*, *Paksha*, *Aagya* and *Upasana* in their life. The devotee Shri Rajeshbhai B. Patel, the President of the temple, delivered the vote of thanks. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji. On tis occasion H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj released the book '*Shree Varniraj Charita*' by Shastri Abhishekprasaddasji and honoured the devotee Shri Navinbhai Ghanshyambhai Patel

(Rajpurwala) and the devotee Shri Manojbhai Laxmanbhai Patel (Dangarvawala)- who rendered their services as the hosts of this book. The programme was concluded with Shree Swaminarayan *Mahamantra* and *Mahaprasad*. (Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C. (I.S.S.O.) America

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadjji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Satsang Sabha* is organized here regularly on every Saturday. On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012, the festival of Shree Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm wherein *Poojan* of Shree Ganeshji was performed. On 26/09/2012 group Bhajan *Kirtan* were performed on the pious occasion of *Jaljilani Ekadashi*. On the pious day of *Poonam* on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 also Bhajan *Kirtan* were performed. (Kanubhai Patel)

### H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Colonia

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia alongwith Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Makansar), Brahmchari Swami of Chhapaiyadham and Parshad Kanu Bhagat on the occasion of Ekadashi and granted divine Darshan to the the devotees. The whole temple echoed with *Kirtan-Bhakti*. First of all D.K. Swami welcomed H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the saints with garlands.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji asked the devotees to cherish ardent faith towards *Dev* and *Acharya*.

Then H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and told that temple is a valuable link between the devotee and Dev. It is through temple that Mangala, Sandhya, Rajbhog, Sayan *aarti* etc. would continue. Maharaj has stated that, there is no difference between Me

and Shree Narnarayandev and therefore we must perform ardent Bhakti and *Poojan*. The festival of Ekadashi is that of inculcating self-discipline in our life.

### **Bhagwat Parayan in Colonia temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda Katha* was organized from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia, and Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji of L.A. Temple was the spokesperson of this *Katha*. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Binduraja had graced the occasion to avail the benefit of *Katha*. Mahant Swami Gyanprakashdasji, Shastri Narnarayandasji of Colonia temple celebrated *Utsav* during the *Katha*. Mahant Swami honoured all the devotees who rendered their services. (Pravin Shah)

### **H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Toronto and Canada**

By accepting the ardent invitation of Satsang Samaj of Canada, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced Toronto alongwith Sankhyayogi Manjuba and other Haribhakta and ladies devotees during 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012. On Sunday *Satsang Shibir* was organized in the evening from 3.30 to 7.00 hours. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and first of all performed *Poojan* and *aarti* of Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj and celebrated Shri Ganesh Chaturthi and then *Satsang Shibir* was inaugurated. All the aspects of the life of a lady devotee were covered in the questionnaire were all the questions were answered with beautiful illustrations.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the evening, *Satsang Sabha* was organized from 4.30 to 6.30 hours wherein cultural programme and *Kirtan-Sandhya* etc. were performed. The birthday of H.H. Shri Gadiwala was celebrated by cutting a cake by *Balikas*. Thereafter, these *Balikas* performed *Nritya*, *Raas Garba* with *Kirtans*. On this occasion, activities of Gujarati School run in the area, were praised. In the

programme of *Kirtan-Sandhya*, *Sankhya Yogi Manjuba* had performed *Kirtan* of Nand saints and all the ladies devotees performed *Raas Garba*. (Bhairavi Patel)

### **Piyorla Chapter**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Satsang Sabha* is organised here on every Sunday in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours. On the pious occasion of Shree Ganesh Chaturthi, *Poojan* of Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj was performed. On the pious occasion of *Jalilani Ekadashi*, *Nauka-vihar* was offered to Bhagwan. Large number of devotees had attended the *Sabha*. Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur had come to Chicago and the saint had blessed the *Satsang Mandal* by remembering them. (Ramesh Patel)

### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj *Utsav-Samaiya* etc. are celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our temple. Mahant K.P. Swami and D.K. Swami has been granting the benefit of beautiful and divine occasions. On the pious day of *Ganesh Chaturthi*, *Ganesh Poojan* was performed and *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of performing *aarti*. On the pious occasion of *Jalilani Ekadashi*, procession of Bhagwan was organized and *Nauka-Vihar* was also offered to the deities. With the directions of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Camp for the young devotees was organized in September-2012. (Ramesh Patel)

### **Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Crauli**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Crauli, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 26/08/2012. on this occasion *Tridinatmak Katha* of '*Shri Bhaktchintaman*' was organized with Purani Swami Vishwaviharidasji as the spokesperson and the devotee Shri Harishbhai rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav*.

Yogi Swami and Poojari Raju Maharaj performed *Shodasopchar Abhishek* of Thakorji.

**Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Brighten**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Brighten, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 31/08/2012 to 02/09/2012. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda *Katha* was organized with Purani Swami Vishwaviharidasji as the spokesperson whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and *Haribhaktas*.

**Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sweden**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sweden, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion Purani Swami Vishwaviharidasji and Yogi Swami narrated beautiful *Katha*.

**Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Stredham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Stredham, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion Shrimad Satsangibhushan Saptah *Parayan* was organized with Purani Swami Vishwaviharidasji as the spokesperson and the devotees Shri Rajnibhai Govindbhai Patel and Madhubhai Govindbhai Patel rendered the services as the hosts of *Patotsav*. Janmastmi and *Abhishek Annakutof* Thakorji were performed with great joy.

On 27/08/2012 *Group Mahapooja* was organized and the devotee Shri Suryakantbhai rendered the services as the host of *Mahapooja*. On this occasion President of London Wilsdon temple, devotee Shri Manjibhai, Devrajbhai and Shivjibhai had arrived and availed the benefit of *Mahapooja*. Services of the devotee Shri Ashokbhai Mandvi (Kachchh) were inspirational on this occasion.

**City Bus No.30 has started from Isanpur to Jetalpurdham**

Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (A.M.T.S.) has started City Bus No.30 from Isanpur to Jetalpurdham. The bus would be available from both the terminal points at a frequency of 20 minutes. This has facilitated our devotees to perform divine *Darshan* of Baldevjidada at Jetalpurdham.

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**Aroda (Idar Desh):** Devotee Shri Kaushikbhai Kachrabhai Patel (age 55 years (son of the devotee Shri Kachrabhai Sankabhai Patel) passed away to Akshardham on 23/09/2012 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

**Dahegam-** Devotee Shri Shantaben Chunibhai Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 06/10/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Nandol-** Devotee Shri Chanchalben Chhanabhai Patel passed away to *Akshardham* on 01/10/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

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