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# अस्मदीयम्

Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav shall always be remembered and cherished in the hearts of all the devotees and Haribhaktas. The purpose behind such Mahamahotsav is that innumerable Mumukshus seek their shelter of Shreeji Maharaj, become ardent devotees and thereby ensure their Atyantik Kalyan (emancipation). In this Mahamahotsav of five days, Mumukshus performed Dev-Darshan, Dharmkul-Darshan, Katha-Shravan, Mahavishnu Yaag, Akhand Dhoon and made their lives meaningful. Each of our Utsav is being celebrated in ascending order as regards their quality and purpose.

Under the directions of Shree Hari, Sadguru Anandanand Swami got constructed a grand temple with three domes in Ahmedabad city and on the pious day of Fagan Sud-3 Samvat 1878, Shreeji Maharaj performed invocation of the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and opened the Gates of Emancipation for all. Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj always advance the cause of Bhakti of Shree Narnarayandev Maharaj because Shree Hari Himself is Shree Narnarayandev.

“Time and again we reiterate and stress the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and the reason for it is that Shree Krishna Purushottam Akshardhami Shree Narnarayandev always sit in the sabha and considering them as Ourselves, we have got constructed this temple at the cost of lacs of rupees.

Therefore, it is sure that, we do not have to go elsewhere leaving our Dev. Those who have performed divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav, they are heard talking that their divine experience and happiness are beyond any imagination and expression.

It is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, through this Special Issue of Mahotsav, memory of this divine Mahotsav may always remain in our mind and may such festivals continue to be organized and celebrated in future in the pious company of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and our Future Acharya Maharaj.

Editor  
Mahant Swami  
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

(January - 2015)

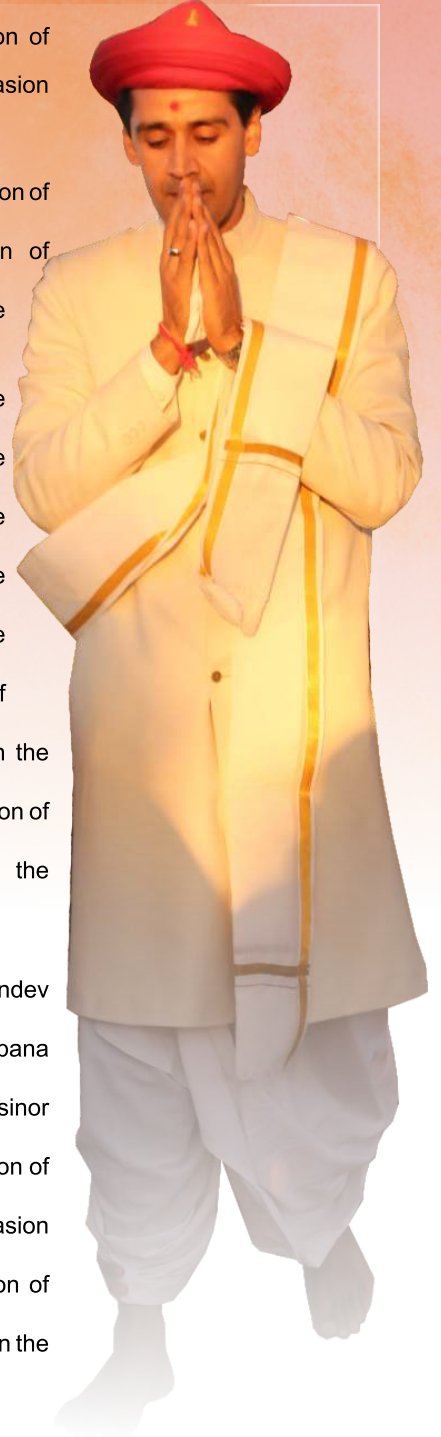
1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kera (Kachchh).
2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lavapur-Bavla on the occasion of Katha.
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Kuha on the occasion of Shakotsav.
4. Graced the village Bhuj (Kachchh in the evening). Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of Shakotsav.
5. Graced the village Kadi on the occasion of Katha.
6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanskardham, Hathijan on the occasion of Parayan.
7. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nikol on the occasion of Mahapooja. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Hiteshbhai, Shilaj.
8. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamsar (Halar) on the occasion of Shakotsav.
9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva on the occasion of Shakotsav and then graced the village Unava.
10. Graced Vishwamangal Gurukul, Kalol and Kalyanpura on the occasion of Katha. In the Evening Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjali on the occasion of Shakotsav.
11. Graced the village Bhimpura. In the noon graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar Sector-2. In the evening graced Umiya Campus on the occasion of Shakotsav organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura.
- 12-13 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vali from Goliya (Rajasthan) and blessed Padyatra of saints-Haribhaktas.
- 14-18 Graced Cleveland (America) to see the health of the devotee Shri Prakashbhai Patel.
20. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur on the occasion of Patotsav.
21. Graced the village Indrapura, on the occasion of Shakotsav. In the evening graced Nathdwara.
22. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nathdwara on the occasion of Patotsav-Parayan.
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad on the occasion of Katha.
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of Samaiya of Vasantpanchmi.

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27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Torda on the occasion of Patotsav.
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura on the occasion of Patotsav.
30. Graced the house of a devotee in Ghodasar.

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1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mokhasan on the occasion of Katha-Patotsav.
2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjali the occasion of Patotsav.
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Vijapura (of Vajiba) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
4. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gothib (Panchmahal).
5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhaupura on the occasion of Patotsav.
6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana on the occasion of Patotsav.
7. Graced the village Limdi-Ranjitgadh (Muli Desh) on the occasion of Shakotsav.
8. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunawada on the occasion of Shakotsav.
9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat on the occasion of Patotsav.
10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi on the occasion of Patotsav.
11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Pratappura (Kalol) on the occasion of invocation of idol images.
12. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva on the occasion of Katha.
13. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahisa-Vasna on the occasion of Shakotsav.
18. Graced the Village Motera.
- 19-20. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh).
21. Graced and performed 193<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev (Kalupur temple).  
Graced and celebrated Shree Swaminarayan Museum Sthapana Deen.
22. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees) Balasinor on the occasion of invocation of idol images.
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria on the occasion of Patotsav.
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kukarwada on the occasion of Katha.
25. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Tankia on the occasion of Katha.
26. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach Bapunagar on the occasion of Patotsav.
28. **Graced Mumbai.**





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SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

# words of Blessings

**FROM H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ**

The first ever Shree Swaminarayan temple was got constructed in Ahmedabad by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and idol image of Shree Narnarayandev – His own Form - was invoked in the temple. There are Vachans of Shree Hari that there is no any difference between Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev.

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

Now this temple has been renovated and golden throne has been prepared for the deities. It does not make any difference to the deities of this temple whether the metal is gold or iron because its Creator is He Himself. So what can we offer to Bhagwan? Nothing except our cherished and devout feelings. Bhagwan accepts everything which we offer with ardent feelings. Even by offering gold we do not oblige



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bracelet etc. and the shining of the golden throne is not due to gold but due to devout offerings of such Haribhaktas and devotees. There are some people who oppose the offerings of money but all of us know that, we cannot purchase fuels like diesel, petrol which is being used in our vehicles. Nowadays nobody only walks. So any technology or tool in itself is not bad but what is important is its proper usage. It does not matter whether we wear thick clothes or have our meals served upon a leaf-plate made from the leaves of a banana plant or Khakhra tree but how devout we remain in our Bhakti to Shreeji Maharaj is the real yardstick of genuine Tyag (renunciation). Our saints are devoted to Bhagwan and always remain under the directions of Deities and therefore are very dear to us and therefore these saints are our strength. The ardent love and affection and smiling face of Haribhaktas keep us running 365 days for Satsang. Otherwise just look into 'Shiksha Patri' and read carefully as to what are our duties. Invocation of the idol images and offering Gurumantra and then sitting idly in A.C. Room? No. Since all of you are devotees of Shree Maharaj, Acharya Maharaj is also yours because Acharya Maharaj is also of Shreeji Maharaj. And therefore this is our one family. We are doing all activities for Shree Narnarayandev and we are

Bhagwan, we are obliged as Bhagwan accepts it from us. Our very existence is just because of Shree Narnarayandev and therefore for the whole of our live we are always indebted to Shree Narnarayandev. Therefore, those host devotees who have rendered their beautiful services of offering gold for the golden throne are worthy for all praise and inspiration. Alongwith the renovation of the temple, our life also get renovated through such Utsav-Samaiya.

Some of the devotees have offered their ornaments like golden ring,

performing vicharan in Shree Narnarayandev Desh. The roots of whatever development and nourishment of our Sampradaya which we see today through our temples are nourished by our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and due to His perseverance and Tyag, we are enjoying the sweet ripe fruits of the Mango tree.

Before two days while we were walking towards the kitchen two ladies devotees and one old lady devotee were performing Shree Janmangal Namavali Path very ardently and devoutly. They did not notice our arrival and their attention was not distracted because they were performing path with utmost devotion and concentration. The thought struck to our mind that, such an ardent Bhakti of these devotees is the secret of the success of this Utsav. If any bollywood actor is invited the whole of Ahmedabad city can throng together here at this place but we do not intend to have crowd. We want ardent devotees to come here. This is our Satsang Parivar so do not take any demerit from anybody. Learn to see and inculcate qualities from others. One cannot become a perfect Satsang by merely wearing Kanthi around his neck. Maturity of Satsang in us is a long process. Good habits are inculcated after a long and continued practice of

two, three five, ten, twenty years. You will be happy if you see qualities in others. No devotee should be dishonoured by us. We have no right to supervise whether anybody is performing complete mala or pradakishna or not. There is no need of being Judges of others.

Devotees from Rajasthan, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha, Kachchh and overseas countries have come over here to participate in our this utsav. So the word 'Sabha of Haribhaktas of many countries' has proved to be meaningful in letter and spirit. The ardent devotees of Rajasthan are found performing Bhakti in the temples, which are smaller than even the bed-rooms of rich people but they are performing very ardent Bhakti. There are no fans in some of these temples. Not only Bhajan-Bhakti, but also services of Ghee from which the sweet-balls are prepared in this Utsav is also rendered by them. Offering and devoting time is more important than services of mind, body and money. Because we have seen that, when our Mahant Swami inspires and invites any devotee to sit in Yagna as host devotee, we have heard answers coming from them that they are ready to render services of two or five lacs rupees but they do not have that much time; whereas all of you sit here for four-five hours in a day and perform ardent Bhakti

of Bhagwan.

Some of the devotees are performing Mantra-Jaap of name of Shreeji Maharaj and some devotees keep that tiny counting machine in their hands. Our Maharaj is not a teacher of Mathematics and He does not keep any account of such services. Does Maharaj keep any record of what He offers to us? Some devotees are found performing Mala very fast because their mind is running very fast. In stead of all this, it is better and preferable to concentrate our mind and heart in Shreeji Maharaj and then perform Mala, chanting name of Shree Hari whole heartedly.

In the Sabha of Swayamsevaks of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj says that this is Sabha of real Satsangi. What else can be told? All of you have left your shops, occupation, service, studies etc. and have rendered your ardent services to Shree Narnarayandev and the saints and the devotees by offering your time. It is because this is the festival of deities and it is not our festival. So all of you have obtained the pleasure of Shree Narnarayandev. Only humble people can render their beautiful and ardent services. All of you have rendered your ardent services with utmost faith and remaining very tolerant with others. We have been receiving telephonic calls that, our Utsav was concluded with great achievements without any faults and this

shows that Shree Narnarayandev is with us. On the first day H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj narrated story No.343 from 'Nirgundasji Ni Vato'. This is not a mythology but a true history.

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev, temples and Satsang of Ahmedabad Desh have been very strong. Decrease or increase in Satsang is as per wish and desire of Bhagwan. We have to keep on rendering our ardent services without thinking about anything else. Since all of you have rendered your ardent services, the money has been used properly and at appropriate places. If I thank you, you will stop. But we do not have to stop. So just take some rest and be fresh. Let us request Ram Swami to organize one trip and enjoy and refresh yourself. We all together shall plan and organize another such festival with an objective.

We have got our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. We perform the ritual of invocation of idol images even in the pious Dhanur Maas. We have to take the name and work of our Shreeji Maharaj in every corner of the world and in every village of our country. Ladies devotees have rendered their beautiful services and they have become aware and conscious about the importance of Maharaj and our Satsang and Mahila Satsang Mandals are being run very

well under the guidance and supervision of H.H. Shri Gadiwala.

All of you are ardent devotees and your faces are shining with divine impact of Shree Narnarayandev. Otherwise how can a face of a simple farmer doing agricultural activity in the farm of a remote village shine like this? This comes from ardent faith and trust cherished towards Shree Hari. It is also seen that, only one devotee is struggling devoting his time and spending his money to save a piece of land of Shree Narnarayandev going in the hands of the people opposing our Sampradaya and ultimately offers such saved piece of land to Shree Narnarayandev with ardent faith. This is possible only for

those who consider temple, Satsang and Dev their own.

On the day of 'Parivar Din' H.H. Shri Maharaj said that, before talking about uniting the whole world, we have to begin the journey from our own home and our own family. Real happiness in the family does not come merely by remaining in touch with Whatsapp or telephone. Family members share our unhappiness and stand by us during the hard times. Lots of money lying in the bank cannot wipe out the tears of our eyes. If there is unity in the family, members of the family will stand by us during our hard times. Sometimes we also need the persons to wipe out our tears.



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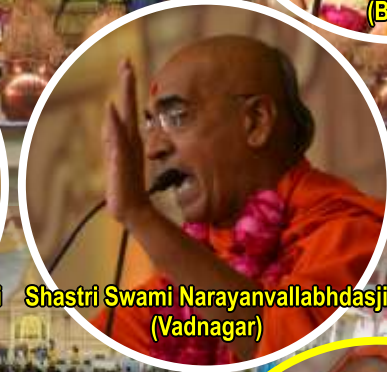
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# OBJECTIVE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF

# Shree Narnarayanded Mahotsav

- Shastri Harikrishnadas  
(Mahant Swami, Ahmedabad temple)

Swaminarayan Sampradaya is a Sampradaya of Utsav-Samaiya. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has organized various types of Utsav such as Fuldolotsav, Janmastmi, Vasantotsav, Ekadashi, Pratishhotsav, Ramnavmi, Vishnu Yaag etc at places like Ahmedabad, Vadtal, Gadha, Jetalpur, Muli, Bhuj, Mangrol, Kariyani, Panchala and at many other places. Haribhaktas from all over the world used to throng together in celebration of these utsav and perform divine Darshan-poojan of Shree Hari. Divine happiness was being granted by Shree Hari to all Tyagi-Gruhi devotees and Haribhaktas and thereby Akshardham was being created on the earth. Devotees used to enjoy the utsav very much and sing and discuss the importance of Shree Hari. Utsav-

Samaiyas are very dear to Shree Hari and through these Utsav-Samaiyas emancipation of the devotees and Haribhaktas is done very easily.

In Vachnamrit also Shree Hari has stated that, one should remember and relish Leela performed by Shree Hari at various places and should cherish noble feelings with Brahmchari, Sadhu and Satsangi. Mahavishnu Yaag and other such religious programmes are organized with a noble view that, even if a devotee forgets the idol image of Bhagwan during the end time of his life, and if he remembers any of Utsav or Samaiya, he would surely get emancipation and place in Akshardham. Besides this Utsavs like Janmastmi,

Ekadashi are celebrated every year and all Brahmchari, Sadhu and Satsangis get together on such pious occasions and even a sinner is reminded of any such utsav at the end of his life, he would also get emancipation.

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev, such utsavs are being organized in Ahmedabad dEsh and as per the tradition of Utsav granted by Shree Hari, Other Forms of Shree Hari and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj also like such utsav very much. And therefore in our Ahmedabad Desh, Dwishatabdi Mahotsav, Rajat-Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav, Shatamrit Mahotsav, Shastipurti Mahotsav, Dharmkulvandana Mahotsav, Shree Swaminarayan Museum Inaguration Mahotsav and the latest Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav have been celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in ascending order as regards their quality and beautiful services during such Utsav. This Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav has been organized and celebrated at a very appropriate time and it is special in the sense that it has been as an occasion and opportunity to render useful services to the society. Whatever may be the reason for such utsav, we all get together for this reason and perform Bhajan-Bhakti of our Shree Hari.

In earlier issue of the magazine also details of the objectives of this Mahotsav were furnished and if they are repeated briefly, the first ever Shree Narnarayandev temple of Swaminarayan Sampradaya situated at Ahmedabad was in dilapidated condition and it required to be renovated. With the directions of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Mahant Sadguru P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) had started the renovation work at the relevant time and thereafter the work was continued by Mahant Swami Nirgun Swami and Narayanswaroop Swami. With

the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj the present Mahant Swami and the Scheme Committee of Shree Narnarayandev Desh have completed this renovation work. Simultaneously with the support, co-operation and services of the devotees and Haribhaktas new golden thrones of the deities were also got prepared.

In this world, when any person gets his house renovated, he invites his relatives and organizes small-big social utsav. So it was but natural that upon renovation of Shree Narnarayandev temple with artistic carving and sculpture, a utsav is organized and celebrated.

Being pleased H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj directed to organize Shree Narnarayandev Utsav and under the guidance of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj outline of social and religious programmes was prepared. Accordingly, all the devotees rendered their beautiful services in the renovation of the temple and for golden thrones of the deities.

As a part of celebration of this Mahotsav, Satsang Sabhas were organized in 251 villages, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamatra Dhoon were organized in 251 villages, 51 crore 'Shree Swaminarayan' Mahamantras were written, 1,25,00,000 Janmangal Path, 5100 Vachnamrit Path, 5100 Bhakta Chintamani Path were performed. Padyatra of Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev of Kalupur temple were organized by saints and devotees from various places. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced such Padyatras and encouraged all participant saints and devotees. during Mahotsav, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj donated blood without telling it to anybody and donation of more than 2100

bottles of blood was done during the Mahotsav. During the Mahotsav and even prior to Mahotsav, all diseases diagnosis camps were organized. Free eye and dental check up camps were organized. Spectacles, hearing machines were distributed at concessional rates, 11000 educational equipments were distributed to the students of Bal Mandal of villages, 151 handicapped persons were offered tricycles. Through Freedom from Addiction camps and exhibition, thousands of people got freedom from their addictions.

During Mahotsav, Katha of importance of Shree Narnarayandev was organized under Shrimad Stsangibhusan. One day Shree Hari Yaag and three day Group Mahapooja were organized. Grand Nagaryatra of Shree Narnarayandev was organized. Mahabhishek and Chhpan Bhog Annakut of the deities were organized. Prasad of Annkut was distributed to all orphanages, and institutions for physically handicapped persons all over the State of Gujarat. During Mahotsav Akhand Dhoon of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra was organized and beautiful exhibition was organized. A documentary film about the tradition of seat of Dharmvanshi Acharya, damages caused by addictions, glimpses of Shree Swaminarayan Museum, utility of ayurvedic herbal plants in our day-to-day life, environment etc. subjects were covered. Group aarti of 1000 Divas of Kalupur temple was organized. Cultural programmes by Shree Narnarayandev Bal Mandal and Balima Mandal were organized. Yagnopavits were offered to Brahmin Batuk. In the night cultural programme, Satsang Daira, Kirtan Bhakti and Nritya-Natika etc. were organized. Besides Katha during the Mahotsav, on the first day Aarogya Satra, on the second day Paryavaran Satra, on the third day Mahila Satra under the auspices of H.H. Shri Raja

and on the fourth day Parivar Satra were organized wherein the experts furnished valuable information and people and devotees were made aware about environment and family in the society. Beautiful natural environment was created at the site of Mahotsav.

Various programmes of ladies devotees were also organized under the auspices of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Raja. Lectures on various subjects and topics were delivered by the learned saints. The sabha organized during the Mahotsav was blessed by all the three Other Forms of Shree Hari. The host devotees and many Swayamsevaks had rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money. Thousands of people and devotees performed divine Darshan of Mahotsav, listened to Katha and availed the benefit of Bhojan-Prasad and thereby made this Mahamahotsav a memorable experience of their lives.

By performing chanting of Swaminarayan Mahamantra, Janmangal Namavalior Stotra, Yagna, Mahapooja, Abhishek, Annakut, Path of Bhakta Chintamani and Vachanamrit, Padyatra, we can understand and listen to the importance of divine Darshan of the deities. We have heard it time and again that there is no any difference between and Shree Narnarayandev and Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and this has been realized. All of us would like to thank all the saints and Haribhaktas who have rendered their beautiful services in this Mahotsav right from the beginning. So let us take inspiration from our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and organize and render our beautiful services in such Mahotsav and ensure our emancipation.

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The Bharatpur State of Rajasthan has given us the great warrior and historic kings. The best Kshatriya-Rajpur-Jat community kings ruled over the State. Detailed information about Purvashram and forefathers of Sadguru Shri Anandanand Swami has been placed on Internet which can be viewed and obtained from Google. In the second half of the seventeenth century, Maharaj Surajmal Badansinhji ruled the State. He was very brave and an efficient administrator and was very pious, too. He had fought with and win over the Nawab of Delhi. The king Surajmal had five queens and through them he had five princes. Among these queens, one queen Kavariyadevi gave birth to a son on the pious day of Aaso Sud-10 (Vijaya Dashmi) Samvat 1813 and he was named Navalsinhji which later on became famous as Anandanand Swami in our Sampradaya.

## SCULPTOR

# Anandanand Swami

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

In one such battle with Nawab of Delhi, Maharaj Surajmal was killed by the conspirators. The eldest son Javaharsinh also passed away. During such a critical time, Keshrisinhji the son of Ratansinhji was sworn in as a king at a tender age of only two years. At that time, with a view to perform his duties, 16 years' old Navalsinhji shouldered all the responsibilities as the representative of the people. The young king Keshrisinhji passed away due to serious illness. So Navalsinhji was sworn-in as the king. Within a short span of seven years, Maharaja Navalsinhji fought and won many battles against many Rajput kings. He performed many noble deeds and thereby won the heart of the people. As he was Vairagi right from his birth, he was never tempted by Maya. He got constructed Balram temple, Laxman temple, Biharilalji temple in Bharatpur, great Hansmahal in Agra, Javaharghat in Pushkar in the memory of the elder brother Javaharsinh. Manas Ganga temple and palace were got constructed in Vrindavan Govardhan and many places of rest were got constructed and renovated and many Annakshetra (Place offering free meals to pilgrims) on the route of Parikrama of Govardhan. Many Yagnas were performed. Navalsinh had wife named Mrugnen but he had no child through her.

The treasure of the State was full with wealth due to noble deeds and bravery of the king. And this wealth was being used for noble purpose only. The name and fame of the king Navalsinhji was spread all around and at that time his age was just 23 years. But not being tempted by the worldly pleasures and affairs, Navalsinhji willingly handed over the reins of

the State to his younger brother Ranjitsinhji, took leave and permission of his family members and came to Vrindavan to perform Bhakti of Bhagwan. There he performed Parikrama, Kirtan-Bhakti, services to the pilgrims for two years. Once he heard about the nobility of Mahatma Ramgalolaji residing in Ashram of Lomshrishi in Ayodhya and so he came to Ayodhya to meet him. Considering him worthy Vairagi, the old aged Ramgalolaji offered him Diksha and was named as Laxmandas and despite not willing he became heir of the Gadi of his Guru. Laxmandas won the hearts of 500 Vairagis and disciples and followers residing in thousands of villages. He received Nisan-Danka, Elephant, Horse, Chhatra, Chamar from his Guru but he always remained busy performing Bhakti.

When Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj used to reside in Avadhpur, Akhand Ram Dhoon and Ram Katha used to be performed and Maharaj used to sit in Ramgalola Ashram to listen to Katha. Sometimes, Laxmandas and Ghamshyam Maharaj used to meet at the bank of Sarayu-Ganga. Due to impact of Maya, Maharaj made Laxmandas forget his real knowledge.

Once it so happened that, while Laxmandas was performing pooja of Bhaktwan, Vairagi pilgrims from Dwarka were discussing about Guru Ramanand Swami and Tyag and Vairagya of his disciples. The pilgrims were praising their sect that by following it one can perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan Shree Krishna, Golok Vaikunth. While the pilgrims were talking, a divine light started emitting from the idol images of Bhagwan Shree Ram, Laxman and Janki. Laxmandas was surprised at this and so he came out and expressed his desire to perform darshan of Jivan-Mukta (at that time Uddhav Sampradaya of Ramanand Swami was also popular and recognized by the devotees as Jivan-Mukta).

Once when Laxmandas expressed his

desire to perform pilgrimage of Dwarika, the most of the Vairagis refused saying that, it was impossible for a devotee of Bhagwan Shree Ram to perform pilgrimage of the place of Bhagwan Shree Krishna. With great efforts Laxmandas convinced them and took 500 Vairagi disciples with him – a Sangh of Ramgalolaji- started its pilgrimage from Ayodhya to Dwarika.

Prior to going to Dwarika, Laxmandas and his disciples went to village Loj and performed divine Darshan of Sadguru Ramanand Swami. Laxmandas performed divine Darshan of Ramanand Swami in the form of Bhagwan Shree Ram, Laxman and Janki. And divine Satsang started. They forgot their goal of pilgrimage to Dwarika and started performing Satsang daily. After about fifteen days, other Vairagis reminded Laxmandas about their pilgrimage to Dwarika. But Laxmandas refused to accompany them saying that his pilgrimage has completed by performing divine Darshan of Shri Ramanand Swami. Later on, Laxmandas handed over the reins of the sect of His Guru to another worthy and appropriate disciple and sent them to Ayodhya and he stayed there at village Loj as a disciple of Shri Ramanand Swami. He was offered Bhagwati Diksha and was named as Anandanand. While remaining under the directions of Guru Ramanand Swami and Ramdas Swami, Muktanand Swami, Anandanand Swami rendered beautiful services as an ardent and devout disciple. It was the year of Samvat 1855.

In Samvat 1856 when Nilkanthvarni graced the village Loj, Anandanand Swami and Ramanand Swami had been to Bhuj. He stayed like a shadow of his Guru Ramanand Swami. Only a Mukta of Akshardham can render such ardent services as sevak, who was once in his Purvashram a king of a State and after Sanyas Gadipati of one sect.

When Ramanand Swami handed over the

reins of Uddhav Sampradaya to Nilkanthvarni at a very young age, except the demon like Raghunath, all other disciples and devotees were convinced by Anandanand Swami.

Like Ramdas Swami and Muktanand Swami, while remaining under the directions of Ramanand Swami and Nilkanthvarni, Anandanand Swami was a devoted saint of Shree Hari.

Prior to Samadhi Prakaran in Mangrol by Shree Hari, Anandanand Swami had cherished Nischay of Sarvopari Bhagwan in Varni. Anandanand Swami was an ardent devotee and efficient in administration and therefore, Shree Hari used to perform all deeds by taking suggestion and advice of Swami. Former Gadipati Sanyasi became Satsangi and therefore other Vairagis also became Satsangis and responsibility of regulating such Vairagis was entrusted with Anandanand Swami.

There are innumerable incidents about Anandanand Swami. When the Britishers offered a piece of land in Ahmedabad for the purpose of constructing temple. When Shreeji Maharaj asked in the Sabha, who shall go to construct the temple? Nobody said anything. Considering the expertise of Anandanand Swami of constructing temples in his Purvashram as a king, Shreeji Maharaj directed Anandanand Swami to go to Ahmedabad for the purpose.

Alongwith his disciples Anandanand Swami came to Ahmedabad. It was a great challenge for Swami to construct a temple in the city, which was the main city of the Western India wherein there were many other sects. But Anandanand Swami was expert all this things and therefore all efforts were proved futile and stones of the temple were being placed in order one by one.

There was lotus in the right hand of Swami and therefore there was no deficiency of money or wealth. He was mild and strict by nature. Very humble and at the same he could



frighten even the enemies. However, he always took recourse to love and affection to win the hearts of the friends and foes alike.

Saints and writers have narrated and described innumerable incidents about the life of Sadguru Varya Anandanand Swami, who had got constructed the first ever temple of Sampradaya at Ahmedabad, temple at Jetalpur, Bharuch and other 27 temples, which shall be narrated in future articles.

Anandanand Swami passed away to Akshardham on Aaso Vad-11 Samvat 1917 at the age of 104 years. The last rituals of Swami were performed in Akshar Fulvadi situated on the bank of Dev-Sarovar at Jetalpur wherein at present grand Smruti-Sthan has been developed.

On completion of the construction work of Shree Narnarayandev temple at Ahmedabad and people started praising and worshipping Shree Sahjanand Swami. Besides this temple at Ahmedabad, Anandanand Swami has worked like a stone of the base, in the construction work of other nine temples.

Swami rendered his beautiful services at Jetalpur during the last 30 years of his life and many Haritemples were got constructed under his guidance about which much has been written in our Sampradaya.



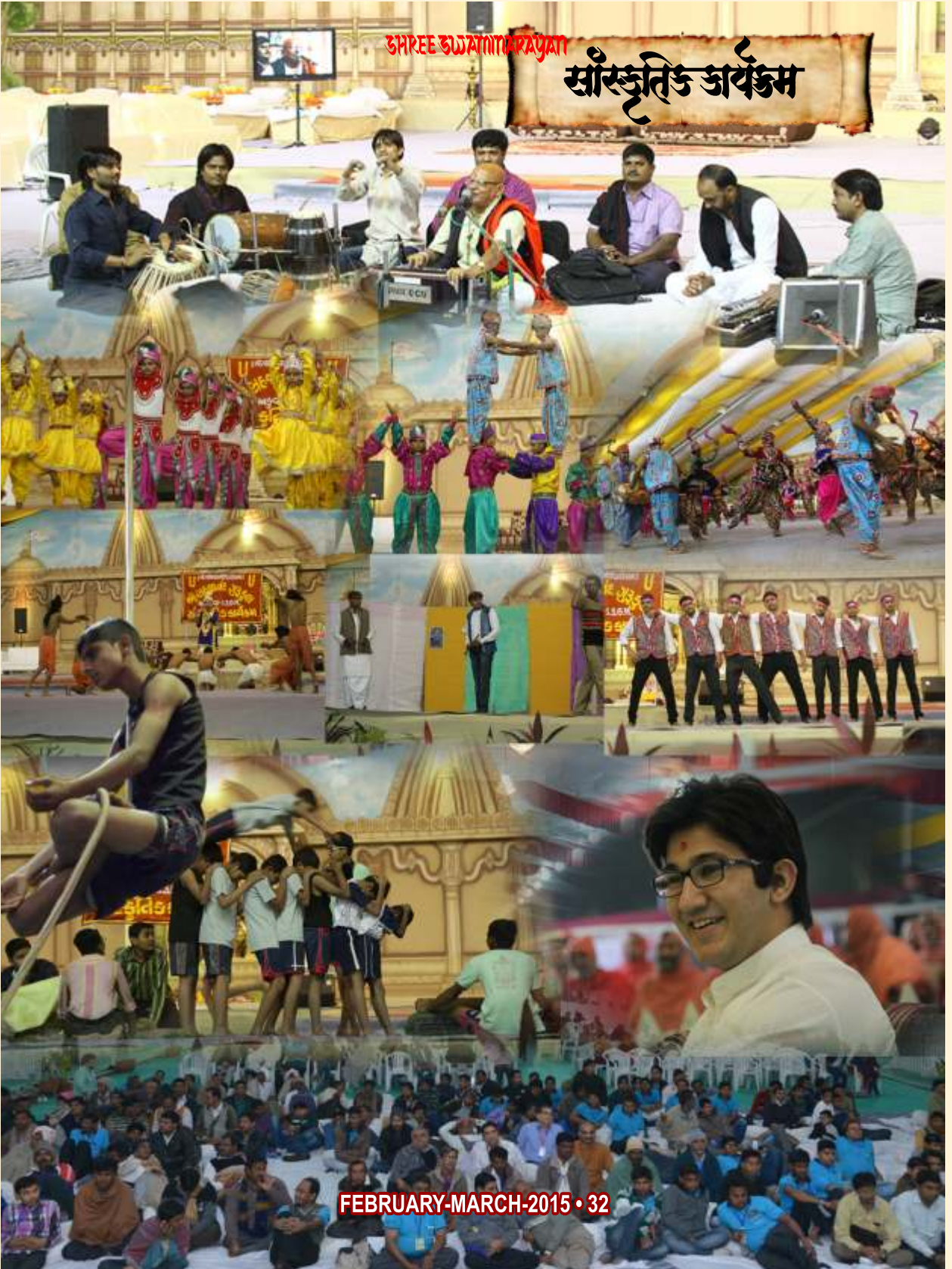
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# शुद्धे Narnarayandeve

- Shastri Harikeshavdas



Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated-

“અમે અમારું રૂપ જાણીને લાખો રૂપીયાનું ખરચ કરીને શિખરબંધ મંદિર શ્રી અમદાવાદમાં કરાવીને શ્રી નરનારાયણની મૂર્તિયું પ્રથમ પધરાવી છે. અને એ શ્રી નરનારાયણ તો અનંતબ્રહ્માંડના રાજા છે.” (Jetalpur-5)

શ્રી પુરુષોત્તમ તે જે તે આજ તમને સર્વેને શ્રી નરનારાયણ રૂપિરૂપ થઈને પ્રગટ મળ્યા છે. માટે નિઃસંશય થઈને આનંદમાં ભજન કરજો. (Jetalpur-4)

After listening to above words of Shree

Hari, we should cherish ardent faith in our heart. Shree Narnarayandeve Himself grants divine Darshan to all and fulfills the desires and wishes of all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

About one hundred years ago, one incident occurred. A devotee thought during his old age that, it is heard from the saints and read in the scriptures that Bhagwan is present in the idol images of the deities. So

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let me go to pilgrimage by taking all the wealth I have earned in my life and whosoever idol images asks from me this wealth, I shall offer the wealth to that deity and shall perform Bhajan-Bhakti to that deity.

This devotee took all his wealth and started his pilgrimage to all the places of pilgrimage but nowhere he found any deity asking anything from him. During his onward pilgrimage to Gujarat he came to Ahmedabad and he heard about Shree Swaminarayan temple and also about the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev.

The devotee came to the temple. At that time, Rajbhog aarti was over. The devotee put the bundle of his wealth in one corner and performed Sastang Dandwat Pranam. At this, the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev asked him to give away his bundle of wealth. The devotee was surprised at this miracle of Shree Narnarayandev talking with him!!!! Immediately the devotee offered all his wealth at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev and became an ardent devotee.

We must remember at this point that, Shree Narnarayandev is always present and

fulfills the desire and wishes of all the devotees. moreover, Shreeji Maharaj is always present in this form and grants us Akhand Darshan. This Mahamahotsav is the proof that Shree Narnarayandev is always present in front of us. Those who have come and performed divine Darshan, listened to Katha, and rendered the services has surely ensured his emancipation. Those who have performed divine Darshan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and Satsang Samaj thronged together in lacs are sure to obtain their emancipation and there is no doubt about it.

As per Vachanamrit-35 of Middle Chapter, this Utsav was meant for the upliftment and Utkarsh of the whole Samaj. Yagna, Mahapooja, Akhand Dhoon, Akhand Prasad, and things were offered to the needy, poor, patients and the students.

In this Mahamahotsav which has been celebrated in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under his directions and blessings, Mahant Swami, many saints and devotees have rendered their beautiful services and they all deserve all praise for it.

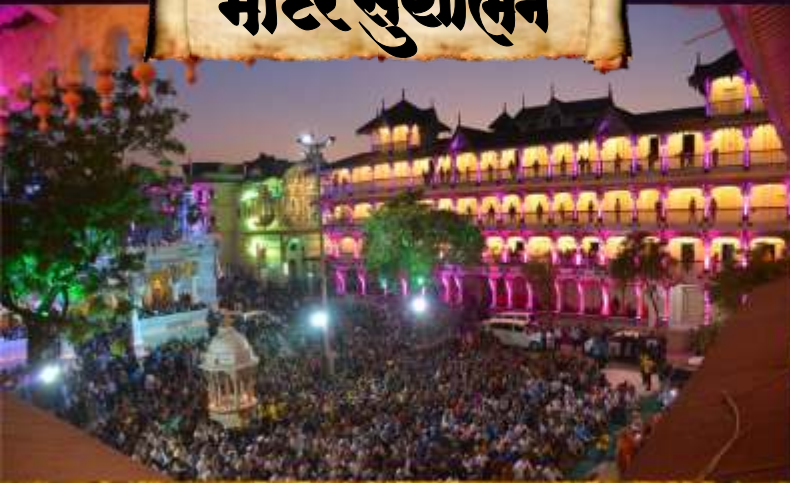


**H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Raja honouring by offering shawls in Old Age Homes.**

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The host of golden throne of Shree Narnarayandev devotee Shri Vishrambhai Lalji Pindoria family

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The host of golden throne of Shree Dharmadev Bhaktimata Harikrishna Maharaj devotee Shri Laxmanbhai Bhimjibhai Raghvani family

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The host of golden throne of Shree Radhakrishnadev devotee Shri Gandabhai and Vishnubhai family



The chief host of Mahotsav devotee Sheth Shri Narayanbhai Ishwarbhai Patel family



The chief host of Katha devotee Shri Pareshbhai Dayaljibhai Patel family



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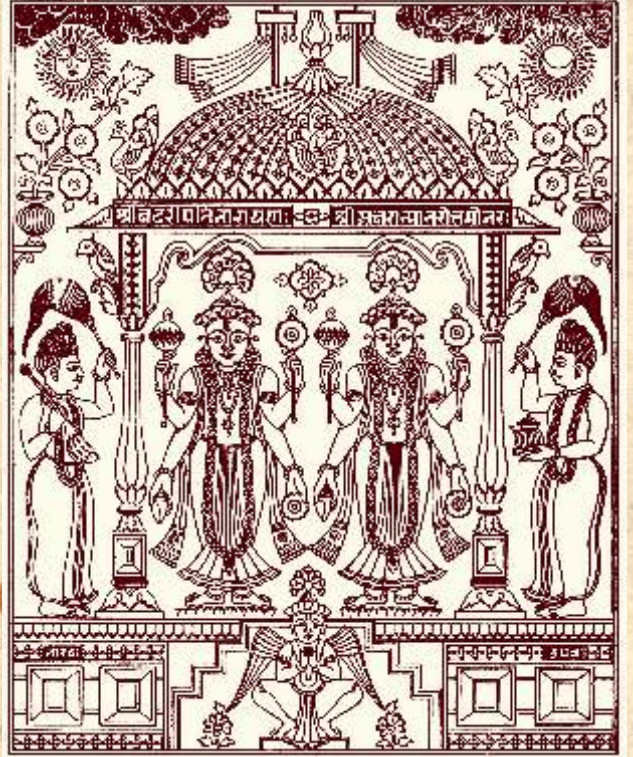
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# Understanding THE FORM OF UPASYA SWAROOP

- Shastri Nirgundasji  
(Asarwa Gurukul, Ahmedabad)

In the Akhand Parampara of divine Uddhav Sampradaya established by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, saints replete with Tyag and Vairagya who have obtained Bhagwati Diksha from Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj have been singing the importance of Shree Narnarayandev in front of crores of devotees and Haribhaktas and thereby helping them to progress on the path of emancipation. Akshardham is not possible without performing this divine journey. This is the path of an Ekantik Bhakta. The word Ekantik Bhakta can be understood as a devotee who is an ardent in his Bhakti, who cherishes ardent feeling of sense of belongingness with Bhagwan and remains detached from all the worldly affairs. In order to become such an Ekantik Bhakta one has to have company of equally competent and powerful person. And nobody is capable for this except Badripati Shree Narnarayandev. Nobody else is Naishtik Brahmchari in this world except Shree Narnarayandev and cherishing



utmost faith in it, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan incarnated as Rishi in Uddhav Sampradaya, sought shelter of Badripati Shree Narnarayandev performing Tapa for the welfare of the whole world and propagated Bhakti-Upasana and method of Sev-pooja of Shree Narnarayandev. This began with Vachanamrit-48 of First Chapter and initiated construction of the great temples with dome in fulfillment of first Sankalp and performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev by changing the names of divine forms of Shree Narnarayandev. For example, in Vadatal Shree Laxminarayandev, in Muli Shri Radhakrishnadev, in Dholka Morlimanohardev, in Jetalpur Shri Revtibaldevejidev, in Junagadh Shri

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Radharamandev, in Dholera Shri Madanmohandev, in Gadhpur ShriGopinathjidev. By performing ardent Bhakti of these divine other forms of Shree Narnarayandev one can ensure emancipation in his life and Shree Narnarayandev is form of Sarvavatari Purnapurushottam Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan only as has been described in the scriptures. And this has been propagated in Padas of Kirtans of Nand saints. For example

Muktanand Swami has stated in the last line of Kirtan 'He Sahjanand Swami Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan Tame keva Bhagwan Chho?'

"Narayan Nar Bhrata...". So it is desired that, a devotee should keep the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev in his Nitya-pooja by taking Niyam-Pratigya on this pious occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav. Jay Shree Swaminarayan.

### FOR INFORMATION TO THE WHOLE SATSANG SAMAJ

From some time Sadhu Ghanshyamprakashdasji Guru Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Ahmedabad (Jamiyatpurwala) has been found associated with and encouraging and supporting the antisocial elements involved in activities against Sampradaya and temple. On the truth being notices by the Haribhaktas, Yuvaks and Haribhaktas have complained to take harsh steps and strict action. Moreover, vide its resolution, dated 25/01/2015, Shree Narnarayandev Tyagi Panch and the leading saints of Ahmedabad saints have made representation in writing to expel him. Hence approval has been given on 28/02/2015 to expel the said person as Tyagi-citizen of the temple from Sampradaya by cancelling its Sadhu-Tyagi Diksha as he is found behaving against the directions. So it is to inform to the whole Satsang Samaj that no any type of religious connection or transaction be retained with this person in any way.

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### Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat State :

Today there is joy and pleasure everywhere. Ladies have been given an opportunity to sit in the front row. It is a matter of great pleasure that more than thirty five thousand ladies have been rendering their services in this Sampradaya established before 192 years by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Under the guidance of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, sadhu-saints and social leader have been doing the work of building a strong society and they have been doing it after implementing the same in their own lives. To preach a sermon to others is one thing and to implement the same sermon in one's own life is quite different thing. And therefore under the guidance and directions of Bhagwan

Shree Swaminarayan the social evil of 'Satipratha' was stopped due to which this social evil is now no more. This practice of social evil of 'Satipratha' was such that on the death of the husband, the widow of the deceased person had to sit upon the funeral pyre and had to get herself burnt whether she is willing for it or not. Nobody was in a position to raise any voice against this social evil during those times and a kind of homicide was going on in the society. At that time, with the inspiration of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, the social leaders took initiative and laws were enacted during the British Government regime. The leaders came forward for strict implementation of this law and maintained it in letter and spirit. Gradually this social evil of 'Satipratha' was eradicated from the society due to initiatives and great efforts of such social leaders well inspired by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan.

### Shankarsinh Vaghela :

one should seek shelter of Dharma to obtain right direction in life. This religious institution of Shree Narnarayandev established by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is the original stem which inspires the great robbers, thieves, antisocial elements, great emperors and kings to perform Satsang Dandwat Pranam by their words and conduct. There may be many branches but the root should be strong and here Tridev has been nourishing it and as a part thereof this Mahotsav has been organized. I think it my great luck to remain present here. In our field of politics, we have to be artificial. Here I feel divine happiness and enthusiasm and feel like bowing down from the bottom of my heart.





**Nitin Patel, Honourable Minister, Health Department, Gujarat State** : whether it is government building or temple, its renovation is essential. But to transform it into a Utsav with social programme is a matter of great pleasure. By celebrating Aarogya Din, Paryavaran Din, Mahila Din, work of social building is also being done alongwith Satsang.

**Narhari Amin** : It is the responsibility of the State Government to keep the society well structures and healthy. And Swaminarayan Sampradaya has become partner in this process. By celebrating different Utsav, Haribhaktas of Sampradaya have been informed well about various schemes of the government. This Sampradayas has done commendable work of building our society even abroad.



**Mahant Swami Harikrishnadasji** : Increase and decrease of Satsang happens with the desire and wish of Shree Narnarayandev. All have been working rubbing shoulder to shoulder under the auspices of this Gadi and therefore it has not been split. We moved in various countries of the world for contribution from devotees and thought that the devotees would render their full palm services but to our surprise the devotees have rendered their full box services. Shree Narnarayandev would return it to the devotees manifold. This gigantic work has been accomplished with the services of all the Saints, Committee Members and Haribhaktas and hearty thanks to all for the same.

**Sadguru Nirgundasji Swami** : Gyan about Swaroop of Parmatma is not imparted in any University. If we direct our five senses inward and direct and associate them with the Swaroop of Parmatma, we shall get emancipation. Shree Narnarayandev certainly grants result of the efforts of each and every person. It is an humble prayer that, blessings of Shree Narnarayandev may always be poured upon all of you.





**Sadguru Purushottamprakashdasji P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) :**

It has been proved once again through this Utsav that Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev are one and same only. And from this only our Utsav has started and this is the base. When Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan performed invocation of the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad, there were five lacs temples in India but there was no temple of Shree Narnarayandev and therefore Shree Narnarayandev temple of Kalupur is the first temple of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Today there is 'Parivar Din' and here three generations of Dharmkul have been granting us divine Darshan simultaneously.

**Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji (Sector-23 Gandhinagar) :**

Earlier during the ancient times, one could not get emancipation even after performing Tapa for 60 thousand years. But in Vachnamrit-35 of Middle Chapter, Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, even if the devotee remembers any utsav where My Leela-Charitra has been sung or narrated, where Our Pooja has been performed or where Haribhaktas have celebrated Utsav, he would certainly get emancipation. We do not have to perform Tapa-Sadhna for 60 thousand years. Just remember that, those who would remember this Utsav and Dharmkul, would certainly get emancipation. And this Utsav is special because, in it the poor, deceased, student and handicapped people means all types of people have been remembered and all of them have got something from it.



**Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji Mahant Swami-Jetalpur**

: One should not think of any other deity except Shree Narnarayandev for his emancipation because Shree Narnarayandev Desh has neither added or reduced anything in whatever has been offered by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Our this tradition has been continued for the last twenty years. Our this Narnarayandev Desh has never been split and would never split in future. Whether Utsav is small or big our Shree Narnarayandev and Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan are always with us.





**Purani Swami Dharmnandandasji (Mahant, Bhuj)** : It is a matter of great pleasure that, today's utsav has become Mahotsav of inauguration of golden throne. This Utsav will be memorable experience for all those who have participated into it. today, we are having saints around us as were around Shreeji Maharaj during those time. And today Haribhaktas are also like those who were at the time of Shreeji Maharaj. All saints and Haribhaktas have been rendering their self-less service without expecting anything and with the only motive of obtaining the pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Here is Akshardham and we have got such a divine Satsang. We the saints of Bhuj are very happy to perform divine Darshan of the saints and Haribhaktas and in celebrating this divine Mahamahotsav.

**Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji (Muli)** : With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and Shri Radhakrishnadev Hari Krishna Maharaj of Mulidham, all of us have availed the benefit of divine Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav and it is to be remembered by us in our life. This place of Motera is a place of Prasadi of Bhagwan. This was place has been graced by Shreeji Maharaj and has transformed into a place of pilgrimage. Besides this, now this Utsav has been organized and celebrated upon this land and thus this land is really great and pious.



**Jadavji Bhagat-Bhuj** : This Dev is present. Renovation of this temple of Dev has been done by four Mahants. Besides the extraordinary renovation, thrones have also been renovated. All Haribhaktas emptied their personal treasuries and rendered their beautiful services and whatever was done was done for the deities. We shall reap what we have sown and your children would bring their own luck with them.

**P.P. Swami (Nana)** : Permission to organize such Utsav was granted by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj alongwith undertaking to perform Bhajan for the whole year. Even an at the time of selection of the place, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj immediately approved this place even without coming out of the vehicle because Bhagwan Swaminarayan has graced this place for ten times. Which place can be so pious?





Shastri Swami Premprakashdasji  
(Bhuj)



Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji  
(Chhapaiya)



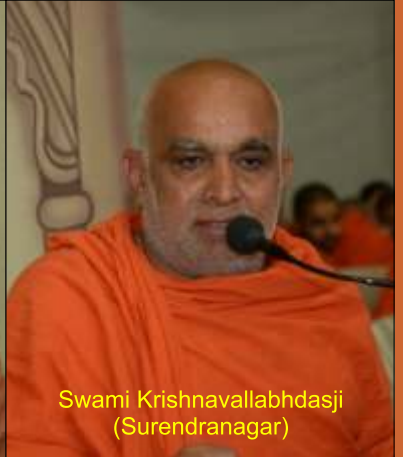
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(Ahmedabad)



Swami Guruprasaddasji  
(Kankaria)



Shastri Swami Nautamprakashdasji  
(Vadtal)



Swami Krishnavallabhdasji  
(Surendranagar)



Babu Swami (Vadtal)



Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji  
(Junagadh)



S.P. Swami (Gadhda)



Shastri Swami Narayanprasad Dasji  
(Muli)



Shastri Swami Bhakti Haridasji  
(Muli)



Shastri Swami Devkrishnadasji  
(Bhuj)



Shastri Swami Bhagwatjivandasji  
(Bhuj)



Shastri Swami Aksharprakashdasji  
(Bhuj)



Shastri Swami Gyanprakashdasji  
(Ahmedabad)



Shastri Swami Dharmvirkhandasji  
(Dhaka)



Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji  
(Naranpura)



Shastri Swami Premswaropdasji  
(Kalol)



Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji  
(Mansa)



Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji  
(Mathura)



Shastri Swami Raghuvircharandasji  
(Sokli)



Shastri Swami D.K. Swami  
(Prayag)



Honourable Minister  
Shri Pradipsinh Jadeja



Devotee Shri Bhikhabhai  
(Nairobi)



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# Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

જ્યારે ઘણાક મનુષ્ય ભગવાનના એકાંતિક ભક્ત થાય છે ત્યારે કળિયુગને વિષે પણ સત્યયુગ થાય છે. (વચનામૃત વડતાલ ૬)

The above words are of Shreeji Maharaj and the same were cherished in letter and spirit during our Shree Narnarayandev MahaMahotsav. This is particularly true about Ekantik Bhakta. Wherever we try to see, we saw only 'Swaminarayan' 'Swaminarayan', services and Sarita of Satsang.

The poison of the ardent devotee Mirabai was made Amrut (nectar) and this is not only a historic event. This world is habituated of vomiting venom whereas it is the habit of Jagdishwar to pour nectar. We rendered our beautiful services of mind, body and money during our Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav and this is in real sense Darshan of Satyayug in Kaliyug. In

## = DARSHAN OF SATYUG IN KALIYUG

- Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji  
(Mahant Swami, Vadnagar temple)

order that this divine Darshan remains always in the memory of all the devotees, Shreeji Maharaj has stated in Chapter-48 of Gadhda Middle Chapter of 'Vachanamrit':

Therefore each and every Haribhakta should perform pooja of Shree Narnarayandev after performing Snan and should perform Pradakshina and Sastang Pranam. We have to pray to Shreeji Maharaj to protect us from Kusang. This Kusang is of four types- Kuda Panthi, Shakti Panthi, Sushka Vedanti and Nastik.

So we have to pray that we never come in contact with these four type of persons and we should also pray to Maharaj to protect from our inner enemies like anger, jealousy, pride etc. and that we always perform samagam of ardent devotees. so all the devotees should perform poojan-archan of the

idol images everyday and these idol images should not be kept without poojan-archan. Every morning, poojan-archan should be performed and thereafter one should go to office or workplace or shop or factory for earning money. So those who perform pooja of Shree Narnarayandev daily, there would be Satyug in Kaliyug in his life and it will make the title 'Satsangi', 'Haribhakta' and 'Sadhu' meaningful.

In our Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav our Dharmguru (Religious Head) H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj, our Future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and the saints and Mahants have explained to all of us the importance of Shree Narnarayandev during this Mahamahotsav and therefore it will always be remembered by all the devotees in their life.

The persons who keep themselves away from the directions of Shreeji Maharaj they sink themselves in the

ocean of life. But those who follow the same directions of Maharaj scrupulously, Maharaj takes responsibility and ensure that they cross the ocean of life safely.

By invoking the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev by establishing the first ever Shree Swaminarayan temple of the world, the road emancipation for all the devotees is always open and thereby Satyug is made perennial in Kaliyug.

While relishing the sweet and golden memories of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav organized and celebrated at Motera, one is reminded of the great and ardent devotees like Narsinh Mehta, Meerabai, Surdas. H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and his saint-mandaland the members of the Scheme Committee have worked hard days and nights in planning, executing and organizing this Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav which has become life time memory for all the devotees and Haribhaktas.



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## OBLIGED AND LUCKY IS THE LAND WHERE SHREE HARI INCARNATED

- Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwalla (Ahmedabad)

What to talk about the land where Shree Narnarayandev is present ! Beyond any human description is the importance of Shree Narnarayandev of the first ever Shree Swaminarayan temple of the world situated in Kalupur Ahmedabad.

How great and obliged and how excited we feel, when our boss or employer comes to our home to meet us. in the same way Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, Adhipati of Anantkoti Brahmand, graced Ahmedabad (Shripur, Srinagar) in the form of Shree Narnarayandev before 192 years on the pious day of Fagan Sud-3 Samvat 1878. What can be luckier than this?!?

When our house, flat or apartment is damaged after so many years, we get it

renovated and invite all our relatives and friend-circle and celebrate the occasion. here it is about our Shree Narnarayandev- Adhipati of our Sampradaya. So whole of our Satsang-family celebrated this utsav and we participated in it.

Shree Narnarayandev temple appears very grand and beautiful in its new form. The whole temple premises has been given a new look. The floor of the inner temple is now of white marble. All the three inner temples are shining with beautiful golden thrones. Haveli, residence of the saints and Rangmahol are also transformed into new form. This was not small thing. Sculptors of Sompura community are expert in intricate carving of stones into ornaments, facial gestures of the idol



images and they have done their job remarkably. And with the blessings of Shreeji Maharaj the work has been accomplished. And as a result thereof, all of us have celebrated Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav with great fervor and enthusiasm like one family.

The site- location of this divine Mahotsav was at village Motera of ardent devotee Zaver Bhagat. The site was so spacious, it did not look like a crowd. The infrastructure of Mahotsav was also wonderful. Theme was circular in shape and in the centre of the premises of Mahamahotsav there was a little temple of Shree Narnarayandev!!! Symbolizing the centre of the whole Universe!!! One by one units were built around this temple. The entrance gate was grand and very attractive. On the left side was Aarogya Vibhag where Free Diagnosis Camps were being organized during all the five days. Thereafter was 'Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Lekhan Dome' and its structure was eye-catching. Here beautiful

Ekakshi divine Swaroop of Shree Hari was placed as an idol image. Haribhaktas used to come here under the dome and used to write Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra with red-ink pens. Note-books containing 61 crore Mantra written thereon were also placed for display in this dome.

Beside this Mahamantra Dome was 'Shree Hariyaag Yagnashala'. It reminded one of the great Pagoda structure. Thereafter there was 'Mahapooja Mandap' and beside it was 'Shree Swaminarayan Dhoon Mandap'. During all the five days, Akhand from 8.00 hours in the morning till 8.00 hours in the evening was being performed Haribhaktas of various villages turn by turn.

Thereafter was an exhibition. Here two audio-visual shows and exhibition of the replica of Shree Swaminarayan Museum was also organized. In one Show importance of Shree Narnarayandev temple and in another

Show song singing the importance of Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev





Desh were organized.

Thereafter, there was very huge Sabhamandap which contained the sitting arrangements of more than seventy thousand Haribhaktas and ladies devotees where one can avail the benefit of Katha. There were igloo like domes wherein offices of various departments and committees were kept.

Large television screens were placed all around and live telecast of Katha being narrated in Sabha Mandap was being shown in these large screens. Arrangements of drinking water were made at various places and the pedestrian route was covered with green carpet preventing dusting. Green grass and flowery plants were developed in the remaining part of Mahotsav premises. Constant water-sprinkling was going on and the beautiful odour coming out of the sand was a natural beauty of the place. The time of the Mahotsav was so convenient to all that, all the devotees relished and enjoyed the meals both the times. This time, Mahotsav was special in the sense that every day of Mahotsav was celebrated as one special day.

1) On Wednesday 24/12/2014 it was 'Health Day' (Aarogya Din) and message was 'To look after our health is real Bhakti.'

2) On Thursday 25/12/2014 it was 'Environment Day' and message was 'To preserve and protect Environment is real Dharma.'

3) On Friday 26/12/2014 it was 'Women's Day' and the message was 'Birth of a girl-baby at home is real Janmastmi.'

4) On Saturday 27/12/2014 it was 'Family Day' and the message was 'Time spent with family is Prayer to Bhagwan.'

And the last day Sunday 28/12/2014 became the day of Shree Narnarayandev. From early morning at 5.00 hours, large number of devotees and Haribhaktas started coming to the temple. At 6.30 hours H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the temple and performed the ritual of Abhishek in inner temple of Shree Narnarayandev. Live Darshan was being telecast in large television screen at various places in the temple premises. While pouring pious divine water from Kalash upon Shree Narnarayandev, all the saints and devotees hailed it with 'Shree Narnarayandev Ni Jay Ho'. Accompanied by aarti, ritual of Shodasopchar Abhishek of the deities was performed and there were tears of happiness in the eyes of devotees and Haribhaktas.

Thus, during all the five days 'Mahotsav' was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm and in a very special manner. Tapovan Bhumi location of Motera became in real sense a 'Tapo Bhumi'. Even the dress code and colour of Shree Narnarayandev

Yuvak Mandal was eye-catching.

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Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav was in a way get together for all the devotees and Haribhaktas of our Sampradaya. It was utsav of self-introspection. Besides worshipping Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan by performing Dhoon with clapping hands, our devotees and Haribhaktas are also concerned and conscious about the latest development in this Modern era and know about the expectations of this era and understands the aspects of 'Protection of Environment', 'Save the Girl Child', 'Health consciousness' and can organize programmes in the society which are useful for the society. And in this regard, Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav proved to be really meaningful utsav.

### **Achievement of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav**

What are the achievements of our Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav? Initially the site-location of Mahotsav was only a ground. And it appeared impossible to develop green grass and

flowery plants through gardening contract in such a short span. The contractors while working on their time-bound project were surprised at this and the words uttered by them are : "Without blessings of Shree Narnarayandev, such a beautiful greenery cannot be developed." This recognition of importance of Shree Narnarayandev is the achievement of our Mahotsav. Similarly, who keeps our life - live and green? The answer is only our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan.

All the devotees who came and participated in this Mahotsav enjoyed a lot. This is because our Shreeji Maharaj was present there all the time in the form of Shree Narnarayandev, in the form of Shree Acharya Maharaj, in the form of the saints and also in the form of devotees and Haribhaktas. The ardently devoted volunteers of Yuvak Mandal were the real beauty of our Mahotsav.

So in the end, Jay Shree Swaminarayan to all who have rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money in the planning, arrangement and success of our Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav.





Devotee Shri Gangarambhai Mahadevbhai Patel family (Memnagar)



Devotee Shri Ratibhai Khimjibhai Patel (Trustee) Ahmedabad



Devotee Shri Sanjyabhai and Jayeshbhai



Devotee Shri Jaydevbhai and Manojbhai Brahmhatt family



Devotee Shri Lajjibhai Vekaria





Devotee Shri Madhavjibhai Shamji Bhudiya family- at present U.K.



Devotee Shri Mavjibhai Karshanbhai Rajani family- at present Sydney



Devotee Shri Sharadbhai Govindbhai Patel family- Meda-Ahmedabad

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# Shree Narnarayanded Mahotsav

## A SPECIAL UTSAV

- D.S.Patel (Giants Group Int. Fed- 3 B)

One of the rare specialties of this Sampradaya established by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is its rich tradition of Utsav and through this tradition only many Mahamahotsav are being organized and celebrated under the auspices of Shree Narnarayanded Diocese of Ahmedabad.

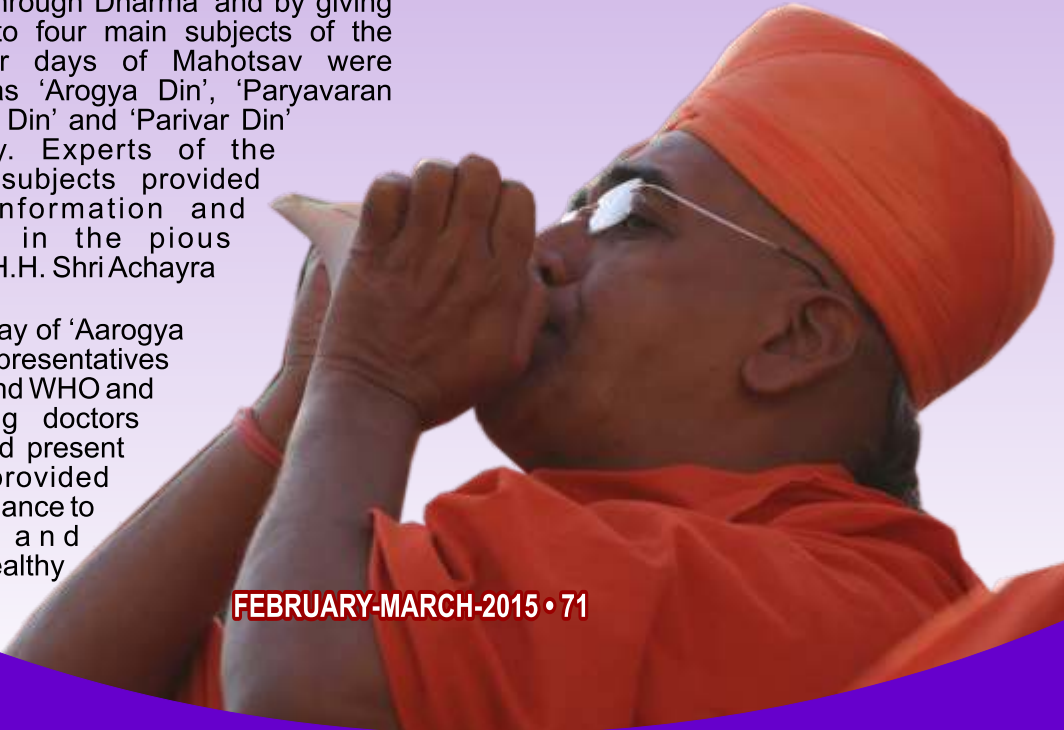
On the occasion of renovation and inauguration of new golden Throne of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur (Ahmedabad) which was got constructed 92 years ago by Sadguru Anandanand Swami, 'Shree Narnarayanded Mahotsav' was celebrated from 24/12/2014 to 28/12/2014. This utsav became special in many respects. With the vision of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, this Mahotsav was celebrated in the form of 'An Effort to social awareness through Dharma' and by giving importance to four main subjects of the society, four days of Mahotsav were celebrated as 'Arogya Din', 'Paryavaran Din', 'Mahila Din' and 'Parivar Din' respectively. Experts of the concerned subjects provided valuable information and knowledge in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

On the day of 'Aarogya Din', the representatives of UNICEF and WHO and other leading doctors had remained present and had provided valuable guidance to develop and inculcate healthy

life-style. There are many ways to cure the diseases but if we follow the directions contained in our scriptures like 'Shiksha Patri' in our food-pattern and life-style, there would not be any reason for any disease. Such was the divine message of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with which the day was concluded.

On the day of 'Paryavaran Din', the famous environmentalist Padma Shree Kartikeybhai Sarabhai had remained present and conveyed the message that protection of life is possible only with the protection of environment and had also praised the efforts made in the past and the efforts being made at present by our temples for the protection of the environment.

On the day of 'Mahila Din', in the gracious presence of the Honourable Chief



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Minister of the Gujarat State Shri Anandiben Patel and in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, the ladies devotees cherished the noble message that bright future of our country India is possible only by educating women, empowering women and honouring women in all spheres of life. Besides this, donation of Rs.11,00,000/- for women education was given by our temple through H.H. Shri Raja to Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat State.

On the day of 'Parivar Din', Hon'ble Shri Sureshbhai Gandhi explained the vital role a family can play for the building of human life and living a life in the present-day challenging changed circumstances. All the devotees cherished a beautiful message that, Family is the only basis during the moments of crisis in the life of a person and it is our Indian Culture wherein all the members of the family live with mutual love, affection and understanding.

A beautiful exhibition was also organized covering all these four issue. Thus, this Utsav did not confine itself only for spirituality but it turned out to be a Special Utsav.

**Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav Medical Camp** : a beautiful Medical Camp was also organized as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav. Wherein Blood Donation, Eye Check up, Dental Check up, OPD and Diabetes Check up Camps were organized.

Blood donation camp was organized in collaboration with Civil Hospital and Red

Cross and it was inaugurated by blood donation by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and about 25 saints also donated their blood. Inspired by this, 1111 blood units were collected and all the donors were offered beautiful gifts.

Eye Check up Camp was organized in collaboration with Nagari Hospital and Tej Hospital wherein eyes of 7000 persons were examined and 3500 needy persons were offered spectacles at concessional rates.

Dental Check up Camp was organized in collaboration with Karnavati Dental Hospital wherein teeth of 3500 persons were examined and necessary guidance and medicines were provided free of cost.

In OPD, about 1800 persons were examined and offered medicines free of cost. Similarly in Diabetes Check up Camp 3500 persons were examined on the spot and necessary guidance was provided to them.

The needy deaf persons were provided with the hearing machines. During the whole Mahotsav friends of Giants Group and Swayamsevak of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had remained present all the time and made it a grand success.

During the whole Medical Camp, all the Honourable Members of the Giants Group had rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money and had provided valuable guidance and support for making it a grand success.





# Shree Swaminarayan Museum

**Speech of the Honourable Prime Minister of India  
Shri Narendrabhai Modi (at that time Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat)  
on the occasion of inauguration of Shree Swaminarayan Museum :**

Shri Mota Maharaj, Shri Acharya Maharaj, esteemed saints and all Haribhaktas and sisters, Session of the Gujarat Assembly is going on. I have come to attend this Sabha interrupting the Session. Since all of you have entrusted with me the responsibility, I have to return immediately otherwise I feel like staying here for some time. I have come here to congratulate H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and all those who have rendered their beautiful services for this Museum.

First of all I would talk about it as Chief Minister and would talk about its second part later on. Very systematically we have been planning and making efforts for development of Tourism Industry in Gujarat. Gujarat has made progress in many fields. Tourism Industry is such an area where there is still possibility of development. We the Gujaratis are the best travelers. Wherever you go in the world, you will meet a Gujarati, sitting opening a lunch box of Thepla. But in the past systematic efforts were not made for development of Tourism in Gujarat. We have so many assets which we can show to the whole world with which we can make the world crazy craving to visit Gujarat. Recently we organized Ranotsav. Here there would be many friends from Kachchh. The people of Kachchh did not know that they have white Desert which can make the world crazy. We started organizing three days' Ranotsav but now we have to organize it for thirty days. Earlier about five hundred or seven hundred people were visiting Ranotsav. But now this figure has cross the figure of one lac due to which there came a bullish trend in the economy of Kachchh. What is not there in Gujarat like this? We have everything. The Asiatic Lions of Gir Forest, pilgrim places like Dwarika, Somnath. This Museum has become an asset in our efforts in this direction. Whosoever Tourist will come to Gujarat, he or she will certainly visit Museum and a visitor visiting under Gujarat Tourism Industry and visit this place out of curiosity. The persons cherishing ardent faith in his heart for Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan will certainly visit this place but besides this other people would also visit this Museum. So this Museum has done the best work for accelerating the progress of Tourism Industry of Gujarat. This is my talk about my government work as Chief Minister and my mind is always thinking how to develop Gujarat, how Tourism can develop.

But the other thing which touched my heart is as a Poojari of the culture of this

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country. Generally history is written of kings and emperors. Generally, Museums of the kings and their royal family have been made. But it is very rare that, a Museum of a spiritual person or of a saint and this has been done upon the pious land of Gujarat. If you look inside, there is no story about any king. Here there is Katha of common people. The incidents and equipments of that relevant time have been collected and they have been blended beautifully. There is modernity as well as tradition in the Museum and it is its specialty.

As per the needs of a modern man, a great Museum has been made and it has been designed very beautifully. There is space everywhere. The moment you enter inside the Museum, you feel this spatiality. The things are arranged so systematically and interestingly that, a person opens up himself during his visit. We can see the things and tools and clothes and other things being used by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and how his companion saints and devotees were living. We feel like walking back in the history of that time. There is a fine blending of modernity and tradition well knit together. And in that sense also, it would remain a matter of research and study for any visitor whenever he would visit Gujarat. Children of the school also would visit the place and how beautiful service would be rendered by them. They would learn, see so many new things and would relish themselves. Besides this, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has done one very commendable work and tremendous efforts have been made to make this Museum eco-friendly. The whole world is being threatened by the Global warming, Climate change and many such other threats. We need to take urgent steps to save the waters of river and air which are still left clean. We have been using these natural resources because our forefathers handed over the same for us. So we have to make very economic use of these natural resources and our scriptures and saints have been preaching this. A commendable work has been done in this regard. Solar energy has been used profusely in this Museum. And in this way, this would be perhaps first Eco-friendly Museum. I convey my hearty congratulations for this and I request all to take out time and visit the whole Museum at ease.

In the central Hall five things of Prasadi have been placed for divine Darshan of all. The internal structure has left great impact upon my mind. All of you feel vibration and I feel that it is not Museum but something else. I said that it is - Maun Mandir- and you will feel it. it is naturally if you feel such divine and eternal peace when you enter any such place which is two hundred years old; but this is recently made and yet you feel such divine and eternal peace. I once again congratulate H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints for this commendable work and with this I conclude my few words.

**- Narendrabhai Modi**



## SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

### List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna January-2015

Rs.51,000/- Shree Swaminarayan temple, Timba. On the occasion of invocation of idol images through Dev Swami	Rs.11,000/- Devotee Shri Dhirajbhai K. Patel-Ahmedabad.
Rs.31,000/- Devotee Shri Amrutlal Hiralal Patel, America Patel Raiben and Savitaben (Jatanba family) through Bhumiben B. Patel-America	Rs.5,001/- Devotee Shri Hemalben Pranjivanbhai Patel, Adroja-Morbi
Rs.15,000/- Devotee Shri Smt. Kshamaben V. Pandya Shri Vibhakar Pandya, Ahmedabad (Bhalja Mandal)	Rs.5,000/- Devotee Shri Asitkumar Vishnubhai Dangarvawala-Chicago.
	Rs.5,000/- Devotee Shri Bharatbhai Amin-Chalodawala-U.S.A.
	Rs.5,000/- Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ambalal Patel
	Rs.5,000/- Devotee Shri Premchandbhai Patadiya-Hyderabad

### List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum January-2015

01/01/2015	Bijalben Pankajbhai Patel- U.S.A.
02/01/2015	Bhavin Manji Hirani (Naranpar-Kachchh) Hyustan
04/01/2015	Chhayaben Pankajbhai Patel through Prahladbhai- New Jersey
10/01/2015	Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal-Wilsden on the occasion of successful pilgrimage to South India.
11/01/2015	Devotee Shri Dashrathbhai Poonambhai Patel-Aslali.
17/01/2015	Devotee Shri Priti Prahladbhai Patel through Prahladbhai – New Jersey.
18/01/2015	Devotee Shri Jayantilal Girdharlal Mistri-New Vadaj.
22/01/2015	Devotee Shri Jayantibhai Shankarbhai Patel-Vaduwalla- U.S.A.
31/01/2015	<b>Devotee Shri Dr. Dalsukhbhai Vallabhbbhai-Bodakdev on the occasion of birthday of Chetnaben Dalsukhbhai Devani</b>

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

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# Bhakti Sudha

**FROM THE  
BLESSINGS OF  
H.H. SHRI  
GADIWALA  
'ALWAYS LIVE  
LIFE AS  
PRESCRIBED  
UNDER THE  
SCRIPTURES'**

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



Just as nectar makes us immortal, our scriptures make us fearless and this fearlessness offered by our scriptures is very important. Therefore, one should always live as per the directions and prescribed contained in the scriptures. One should never leave Dharma because the difficulties which come across while following Dharma is very temporary and happiness brought by unrighteousness is also temporary. But this unrighteous and wrong path brings so many unbearable miseries to us. However, misery suffered by us while following the path of Dharma is temporary and later on it brings lots of happiness and peace in our life.

However, one should have patience and one should not abandon it like a coward. Everything good comes gradually. One has to spend some time. After sowing seeds in the fields, we have to wait for its season (appropriate time) to yield the crops. And during that time, we have to take

care of the crops. Similarly, one has to take care of so many things in Bhajan-Bhakti. Japa, Tapa, Dharma, Bhakti, Gyan, Vairagya everything should be performed. Just as our body is required to be maintained healthy and fit, our soul also needs the food and we have to determine that we would be Sattvik. For that one has to strive hard in fulfilling noble tasks and aims. Our mind has to be kept and maintained stable under any circumstances. We have heard it thousand times that there is no happiness in this world. Water may look very nice and sweet but it cannot give us butter. Because it does not have butter. We know that there is butter in the milk. So just as there is no butter in the water, we know that there is no happiness in this world. Yet we follow the same path. Why? Because our mind is not firm. And this is an essence of all the scriptures.

There were two brothers in one house. The elder brother liked Dharma, Niyam, Satsang and he was very regular. Whereas

the younger brother believes it as superstition. Once a Mahatma came to the house of these two brothers and started narrating Katha every evening. However, the younger brother would not come and sit for listening Katha. So he would go in another room. After some time, he got interested in Katha. And this continued for two –three- four days. On the fifth day the younger brother entered into the room. When he went inside the room, Mahatma stood up and embraced him and bowed down at his feet. When the younger brother asked as to why Mahatma was bowing down before him? In reply Mahatma said that, “I have left only this world and everybody has to abandon this world. Some abandon it willingly and voluntarily and for others the Death arrives and compels them to abandon this world. So whether any person is willing or not, he or she has to abandon this world. But I am surprised as to which powers you possess that you have abandoned Bhagwan! And therefore I bow down at your feet and request you to tell me how you became such a great person?” the younger brother took these words in his heart so deeply that he became a devotee and Bhakta.

Meaning is that, we do not know which word would have an impact upon our life. And whatever we hear and read and understand depends upon our Chittavruti. We behave according to our Chittavruti. If we are 100% involved in listening to Katha, we would understand it at first time. Otherwise, it takes two-three-four times of hearing and then we would understand. And we would not get pleasure of such listening. What is the reason for it? We have to keep our mind calm and cool. And it is upto us. An

ocean is calm and serene. But sometimes due to heavy wind, the waves soar high like anything and the serene and silent sea become stormy. Similarly, if there is storm of thoughts, our mind would not remain calm. But if we concentrate upon Bhagwan, and listen Katha with peace of mind we would understand everything and our mind would become serene. So while listening to Katha, we should try to understand Leela Charitra of Bhagwan. If we make our sincere efforts, nobody can snatch away our emancipation from our hands. Therefore, by strenuous efforts, we have to maintain and preserve Dharma, Niyam, Satsang and everything. We have to keep on listening to Katha and be righteous in our duties towards our Dharma. So it is prayer with folded hands at lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, all of us get spiritual strength of Parmatma and we can perform Bhakti with Dharma.

### Whole Satsang Samaj

It is to inform the whole Satsang Samaj that, now Shobhayatra-Procession of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj may not be organized on any occasion such as of our temple, our village, Parayan etc. which may please be noted by all the saints and Haribhaktas.

- By order

### Suggestion

- 1) Saints and Haribhaktas may forgive if photographs or names of any of the saints-Haribhaktas are forgotten to be mentioned through oversight in this issue of magazine.
- 2) Satsang Balvatika, Satsang News and List of Bhet would be published in the next issue of the magazine.





Members of Ahmedabad Shree Narnarayandev Temple Board



With the direction and inspiration of H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj following devotees rendered their beautiful services for offering 'Bhet' to Life-time members of 'Shree Swaminarayan' monthly magazine.

- Akshar Nivasi devotee Shivji Dhanji Pindoriya & his wife Valbai Shivji Pindoriya through devotee Shri Mavji Shivji Pindoriya his wife Premilaben Mavji Pindoriya and Anish, Jainika, Tilak, Aathmani Sukhpar village (Kachchh) at present Vulvich.
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- **Devotee Amrutbhai Kalidas Patel-Gulabpura**
- **Devotee Dr.Natubhai Patel-Bopal**
- **Devotee Pravinbhai Mangaldas Patel-Ahmedabad, Hiral, Keyur, on the occasion of birthday of granddaughter Kanishka**
- **Devotee Dhanjibhai H. Hirani-Bhuj (Kachchh)**
- **Devotee Mavjibhai Karshan Sabhadiya-Bhuj (Kachchh)**

**Publication of Vachanamrit (English) on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami and Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, 'Vachanamrit (English) edited by our devotee Shri Jethalal Savali, Kera (Kachchh) (at present London) has been published on the pious occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. On receipt of 'Saujanya Bhet' (beautiful services) from the devotee Shri Jethalal, this divine book would be available at just Rs.50/- from Sahitya Kendra of Ahmedabad temple.

**Suggestion to newly registered life-time members during Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav**

The life-time members who are registered during Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav have been issued receipts with membership number thereon at the relevant time. Instead of that number given earlier, their **permanent number would be the number shown in the sticker upon the plastic cover in which they would receive the next issue of the magazine** which may please be noted.



નવગુજરાત સમય

સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર કાલુપુરનો પાંચ દિવસના નરનારાયણ દેવ મહોત્સવમાં  
NRI હરિભક્તો માટે હાઇજીનિક પ્રસાદ

ભાસ્કર વ્યૂઝ, અમદાવાદ

સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના પ્રાચીન સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર, કાલુપુર દ્વારા પાંચ દિવસીય નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવનો પ્રારંભ બુધવારના રોજ થયો છે. પૂ. આચાર્ય 1008 કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ તથા પૂ. મોટામહારાજ તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી



હોટલ અને ટેક્સીની સુવિધા કરી આપવામાં આવી છે. તેમના માટે મહોત્સવના સ્થાને ખાસ હાઈજીનિક પ્રસાદ આપવામાં આવે છે. આજે પ્રસાદ આપવામાં આવે છે. આજે મંદિરમાં એનઆરઆઈ

અમદાવાદમાં આવતા હોય છે. તેની સાથોસાથ હાલમાં ધનુર્માસ ચાલતો હોઈ લગ્ન જેવા શુભકાર્યો પણ થઈ શકતા ન હોવાથી મોટી સંખ્યામાં એનઆરઆઈ હરિભક્તો આ મહોત્સવમાં ભાગ લઈ રહ્યા છે. તેમની સગવડ સાચવવાના હેતુથી મોટા ગામ ખાતે જ્યાં મહોત્સવ શરૂ થોજવામાં આવ્યા છે ત્યાં ખાસ વ્યવસ્થા ઊભી કરવામાં આવી છે. જેમાં એનઆરઆઈ ભક્તોને ફાવે તેવો પ્રસાદ રોજ જમણમાં આપવામાં આવે છે.

અલગથી રસોડાની વ્યવસ્થા કરાઈ છે

જાણી સુવિધા માટે મહોત્સવ સ્થળ પર અલગથી રસોડું ઊભું કરાયું છે. તેમાં વધારે તળેલું કે તેીપું જમવાનું બનાવાતું નથી. મરી-મસાલા તથા બીજા ખાદ્યપદાર્થો સિવાયનું શુદ્ધ સાત્ત્વિક અને હાઇવેલિક જમવાનું ખાસ બનાવાયું છે. વિદેશથી આવેલા હરિભક્તો માટે કુલ 37 હોટેલો ઊંક કરાઈ છે.

» સમીરભાઈ વડીલ, હરિભક્ત

સમાચારપત્રોની નબરે

તમામને રહેવા માટે અનુકૂળ



કાલુપુર સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરમાં ભગવાનને છાયાનભોગ ધરાવારો

નરનારાયણ દેવ મહોત્સવનો અંતિમ દિવસ રવિવારના રોજ યોજાઈ હતો. મોટેરા ગામ ખાતે આ દિવસે મહોત્સવમાં ભાગ લેવા માટે હજારોની સંખ્યામાં ભાગ લેનારો આ મહોત્સવ શહેર અને અંતરિક્ષા વિસ્તારમાંથી આવી પહોંચ્યો. સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના કાલુપુર મંદિરના આ મહોત્સવમાં ભગવાન પર અભિષેક કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. ત્યારબાદ સવારે શશ્વગાર આરતી કરવામાં આવી હતી. બપોરે કાલુપુર મંદિર ખાતે ભગવાન અન્નકૂટ પર છાયાનભોગ અન્નકૂટ પર આપવામાં આવ્યો હતો. હજારોની સંખ્યામાં ભક્તો આ મહોત્સવને મહિલા મંડળના દેવાયા હતા.



કાલુપુર મંદિરે શનિવારે કાલુપુર મંદિરે શનિવારે

મહોત્સવના દર્શન કરવા રહ્યા છે. રવિવારે મંદિર ખાતે વહેલ વર્ષા નરનારાયણ કરવામાં આવશે. ભવ્ય અન્નકૂટ પર

ગુજરાત સમાચાર

આજથી પાંચ દિવસીય 'નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ'નું ભવ્ય આયોજન

કાલુપુર ખાતે આવેલા સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર દ્વારા બુધવારથી પાંચ દિવસીય 'નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ'નો પ્રારંભ થશે. અગાઉ જે મંદિર બંધાવી તેમાં શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવ મહોત્સવના દર્શન કરવામાં આવશે. આ મહોત્સવ મોટેરા ગામ ખાતે આવેલા નરનારાયણ નગર ખાતે ઉજવવામાં આવશે. આ મહોત્સવમાં દેશ-વિદેશથી પાંચ લાખ હરિભક્તો ભાગ લેશે. આચાર્ય ૧૦૦૮ કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજની નિશ્રામાં આયોજિત તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ તથા મોટા મહારાજ આ ભવ્ય મહોત્સવમાં માત્ર ૫૨૦૦૦ પારાયણ-યજ્ઞ-ભજન-ભક્તિ જ નહીં પરંતુ સમાજ કલ્યાણ-ઉત્થાનના પણ કાર્યો થશે. મહોત્સવના પાંચેય દિવસ દરમિયાન વિવિધ આરોગ્ય, ગુરુવારે પર્થાવરણ, શુક્રવારે મહિલા, શનિવારે પરિવાર દિન તરીકે ઉજવવામાં આવશે. શનિવારે નરનારાયણ દેવ યાત્રાનું આયોજન કરાયું છે. રવિવારે કાલુપુર મંદિર ખાતે બપોરે ૧૨:૦૦થી ૩:૦૦ દરમિયાન અન્નકૂટ ધરાવવામાં આવશે. આ અન્નકૂટ પ્રસાદ તમામ આશ્રમો, માનસિક આશ્રમો, આશ્રમોની સંસ્થાઓમાં વહેંચવામાં આવશે.



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# लोखनप्रसाद





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