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## Shikshapatri – The Gospel by Lalji Bhagat

All those persons who observe these rules of good conduct as prescribed by the authorized scriptures always attain utmost happiness in this world as well as in the other.....(8)

And those wicked persons who violate these rules and behave capriciously, suffer great distress in this world as well as in the other.....(9)

### Q. How can authorized scriptures create the code of good behavior?

A. The authorized scriptures present the code of good conduct which has been followed by numerous persons over thousands of years in different parts of the world and their good results are properly observed, evaluated and recommended by sages through authorized scriptures.

### Q. What is exactly meant by Sadachara (good conduct)?

A. The word Sadachar etymologically means – all our behavior that would please God. Sat-sad means God. Achar means conduct. Right, good conduct is that which gives maximum true happiness in this life and blissful eternal life in Akshardham.

### Q. What are the types of right conduct?

A. The types of right conduct are described in authorized scriptures such as Shreemad Bhagwat thus:

**RESTRICTIONS:** Non-violence, truth, honesty, dissociation from shameful conduct, avoiding undue acquisitions, belief in God, celibacy, silence, steadiness, forgiveness, fearlessness.

**OBSERVANCES:** Cleanliness, Mantra-recitation, austerity, sacrifice, faith, hospitality, worshipping God, pilgrimage, desire for redemption, contentment, serving the spiritual teacher and following Pancha Vrataman.

**Shikshapatri Samaiyo will be celebrated on Saturday-January 28, 2012 at 4:00pm**

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## Diwali Samaiyo by Savan Patel



We celebrated Diwali at the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Diwali is a celebration for good overcoming evil celebrated with light festivals. Also there is annakot utsav which means everyone makes different food items to offer Bhagwan.

The food people made for God included many sweets, spicy vegetables, fruits and a lot of other delicious foods. Two of my favorite foods presented to Bhagwan were the cakes and the cupcakes.

The seva I performed was helping make the annakot stage and I also helped organize the dishes on the stage. Thereafter, I helped remove the food taking it to cafeteria for everyone to eat after God was finished eating.

The stuff I did with my family was pray, play, and have social gathering. All my cousins were there and we had lots of fun. That day Swaminarayan Bhagwan looked beautiful and mighty strong. This is my brief summarization of the Diwali-Annakot Utsav celebrated on October 29, 2011.

Jay Swaminarayan

## Treats for Shree Hari By Neerali Patel



### CINNAMON ROLLS

#### Ingredients

##### **Dough:**

- 3/4 cup + 1 tbsp – Milk (Warm 80-90F)
- 1 tbsp - Yogurt
- 4 tbsp - Oil
- 3 tbsp - Sugar
- ½ tsp - Salt
- 2 tsp - Yeast
- 3 cup – Bread Flour

##### **Filling:**

- 1/3 cup – Butter (softened)
- 1/3 cup – Sugar
- 2 tsp - Cinnamon Powder
- ½ cup – Chopped Nuts (walnuts) (optional)

**Warning:**  
**Do NOT attempt without ADULT Supervision**

#### Method

Place all Dough ingredients in the bread maker pan in sequence. And select setting for Dough. Take out dough after 1 hour and 15 minutes OR when done.

Roll dough in to rectangle, about 15 X 10 inches. Then mix all filling ingredients in small mixing bowl.

Spread on the rectangle rolled dough leaving 1 inch edge of it. Roll dough up tightly on long side. Then with knife cut roll into 1-inch pieces.

Place rolls into a greased baking pan. Cover it and let it rise in warm place until double in size, about 45 minutes.

Bake in preheated 375F oven for 20 to 25 minutes OR until golden brown. Cool in a pan for 10 to 15 minutes.

Drizzle with powder sugar icing made by combining 1 cup powder sugar, 1 to 2 tbsp milk and ½ tsp vanilla

## Pragat Thayaa Prabhu Chappaiya Gaam Re... By Shyam Patel

Pragat Thaya Prabhu Chhappiya Gaam Re;  
Bhakti Maata Dharma Taat-Nu Naam Re...

1

Kaushal Deshma Dhariyo Avataar Re;  
Nom Ajvaari Rudo Chaitar Maas Re...

2

Tedaavo Joshi Ne Puchhaavo Naam Re;  
Naam Dhariyu Rudu Shree Ghanshyam Re...

3

Mukhdu Shobhe Ati Baalude Vesh Re;  
Sundar Bhura Maathe Naana Kesh Re...

4

Harkhe Juhlaave Maata Dudh Saakar Paay Re;  
Maata-Ne Man Jaane Vahela Mota Thaay Re...

5

Radata Ramaadta Paaraniye Poddhaade Re;  
Reshmi Dori Lai Hinchkaave Re...

6

Podho Podho Prabhu Jagna Aadhar Re;  
Premanand Nitya Navi Leela Gaay Re...

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Pragat Thaya Prabhu Chappaiyama Gama Re talks about Lord Swaminarayan's Birth.

The first line talks about where he was born and who his mother and father were.

The second line of this bhajan deals with the date of Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan's birth date. "Nom ajavadi rudo chaitar maas re."

When Ghanshyam Maharaj is getting his name his parents call a joshi over, and the joshi names him Ghanashyam.

In the next few lines Ghanshyam Maharaj is growing up. This includes his mom feeding him milk, his mom making Ghanshyam stop crying and more. This bhajan pragat thaya prabu... is basically telling us how Ghanshyam grew up.

We will celebrate the birth of Lord Swaminarayan at Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Grand Prairie, TX on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 4pm.

***A Message...***

Shree Swaminarayan Mandir – Grand Prairie (Dallas) Texas was inaugurated on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1991. Over the years, the temple has grown in many different ways. Ghanshyam Youth Mandal is a significant part of the temple. Kids of all ages participate in different activities throughout the year.

**There is a Hinduism class held every Sunday from 5:15pm to 6:15 pm.**

The intent of this newsletter activity is to please Shree Hari by increasing interest and knowledge of our culture and heritage through self study and research. Thank you for your continuous support throughout the years.

**JAY SWAMINARAYAN**

**Janmangal Namavali** by Arzoo Patel

11. Om Shree Ghanshamaay Namah ||  
I bow down to Shree Ghanshyam (the Lord with beautiful dark cloudy complexion).
12. Om Shree Dharmikaay Namah ||  
I bow down to the Religious One.
13. Om Shree Bhakti Nandanaay Namah ||  
I bow down to the Giver of joy to Bhakti-Mata.
14. Om Shree Bruhad Vrat Dharaay Namah ||  
I bow down to the Observer of great vows.
15. Om Shree Shudhaay Namah ||  
I bow down to the Pure One.

*to be continued...*

