

Acharya Shree Purushottampriyadasji Swamiji Maharaj's Spiritual Successor, Shree Jitendriyapriyadasji Swamiji's Address

Almighty Lord, creator, controller and destroyer of the infinitely many cosmoses, supreme, Incarnator of all incarnations, Purna Purushottam Lord Shree Swaminarayanbapa; Jeevanpran Shree Abji Bapashree; the Adya Acharya Pravar of Shree Swaminarayan Gadi, Jeevanpran Swamibapa; Acharya of Shree Swaminarayan Gadi, the greatest ocean of spiritual love and compassion for the whole world, Param Pujya Acharya Swamishree Maharaj; venerable Sants; and all young and old disciples of Shree Swaminarayan Gadi residing around the whole world.

Firstly, Lord Shree Swaminarayanbapa Swamibapa and His Holiness Acharya Swamishree Maharaj convey blessings and bid 'Jay Shree Swaminarayan' to you all.

For us all, the Sants and disciples of Shree Swaminarayan Gadi, this period is a painfully testing time. Not in our wildest dreams would we have imagined that His Holiness Acharya Swamishree Maharaj would show us this kind of leela (episode) during such adverse times. Everything has happened according to the Lord's will.

Oh Lord! You are testing us; lead us to its end. Have mercy on us, so that we never, even mistakenly interpret this leela as being worldly.

Due to His endurance and prowess, Swamibapa created Maninagar Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan out of absolutely nothing. He then bequeathed this to His unparalleled helmsman, His immensely beloved, the One who implicitly knew His innermost will – His Holiness Acharya Swamishree Maharaj.

For a long time – over four decades of His life – His Holiness Acharya Swamishree Maharaj has worked for the progression of this Sansthan, so that the glory and magnificence of Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan flourishes throughout India and around the world. During this period, He has never considered His own fatigue, never thought of His own sleep, never considered His own hunger, never thought about His own thirst, and never thought about whether it was night or day. He has turned His own blood into water, so that the glory of this Maninagar Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan – that was established and given to us by Swamibapa – is spread to all corners of the world.

Today, having given us that fully established home, this blossoming garden, Acharya Swamishree Maharaj has performed this divine deed. We all must now together; water the garden with our



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compassion and unity, protect this garden that exists in the form of our Karan Satsang, which Swamibapa had established and which Acharya Swamishree Maharaj has cultivated.

From a worldly perspective, any organisation or any group will have one individual who is put forward as the final arbitrator and signatory. Accordingly, you all have put this servant forward for that purpose. However, we all hold equal responsibility, and so we all must come together to perform this service.

According to Swamibapa's wishes, Acharya Swamishree Maharaj has beautifully nurtured this garden. In accordance with the ways and traditions of the Swaminarayan Faith; always keeping in mind the directives of the Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa Sant Parshad Mandal Constitution; and aligning with the processes of the world, we all – the Sants, the disciples living across the world, whether they are young, old, women or men - must come together to carry out our role. We must look after this garden. The time has now come to take on this responsibility.

Senior Sants and senior disciples; remain strong. Speak to the younger Sants and disciples with words of strength and instil courage into them. Do not blame any Sant or disciple, whether female or male, living here or abroad, for anything that has occurred; the Lord's and the Eminent's leelas may seem worldly, but they are all-powerful. Therefore, if we blame anyone else for something they have done, it would be akin to considering Lord Shree Swaminarayan and Acharya Swamishree Maharaj's to have worldly characteristics.

The Lord is testing us. It is the Lord Himself who will take us to the conclusion of this test. Our protector, our support, our saviour is Lord Shree Swaminarayanbapa Swamibapa and His Holiness Acharya Swamishree Maharaj. The Lord will undoubtedly look after His garden in the best manner.

To conclude, one cannot clap without two hands; no achievement is possible without a team collectively facilitating it. In this way, one hand or one person cannot achieve anything. In a rope, even the smallest strand forms part of its strength. In the same way, to uphold this Sansthan, everyone from the eldest to the youngest Sant and disciple has an equal role; everyone's support and assistance will be needed.

Finally, with this humble prayer at the lotus feet of Lord Shree Swaminarayanbapa Swamibapa and Acharya Swamishree Maharaj, I humbly seek the help of all the senior and younger Sants; all the young and old disciples residing here and throughout the world; the Sankhya-yogi ladies, the Karma-yogi ladies; regardless of whether they are young or old. This servant humbly requests the support of you all. With your help and support, and with the Lord's unsurpassed mercy, the Lord will definitely ensure all our endeavours are accomplished.

Jay Shree Swaminarayan

