



Shree Dwarkeshlalji Mahodayshri (Kadi, Ahmedabad) - Bhakti Sangeet, 19th May

“Right now is the time for *Gungaan* and Satsang (singing the praises of Thakorji). Just as a pole supports a growing plant, our Thakorji supports us as we grow. In the Bhagwat, even Shukdevji says that *Gungaan* gives us the opportunity to experience the sweet *ananda* of Thakorji.”

Haveli Darshan Times Part 2

Continuing from the last newsletter, here are the second four darshans of Thakorji's day. These darshans are open after His afternoon *aaram* (rest).

Utthanpan : Thakorji has just woken up from His afternoon *aaram* (rest).

Bhog : Having had His afternoon snack, Thakorji is about to go out to play again.

Sandhya : As the sun dips over the western horizon, Thakorji returns with the herds of Nandaji and the gopis come to see their Beloved. Mother Yashoda wards off any evil that may have befallen her darling in the woods of Vraj, by doing an arti and Thakorji bathes for the evening meal.

Shayan : Having had His dinner, Thakorji is about to go off to His bedchamber. This is the last public darshan of the day.

The gopis of Vraj used to love Thakorji so much, they would be at Yashoda's door at all hours, finding any excuse to see their beloved Thakorji. Mother Yashoda was very protective of her darling child. Concerned that with all these adoring gopis, hanging around her house at all hours of the day, her darling child will never get any time to rest or play properly with His friends. So she decided that all those who wish to visit her beloved Bala Gopal, could do so after He had finished a snack or a meal, and was resting before going out again.

Knowing this, Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya decided to open the haveli, His own version of the Nandalay, at specific times of the day only, as Mother Yashoda would for the gopis.



Shri Ram Avatar

Last month Vaishnav's celebrated Ram Navami, the birth of Shri Ram.

Ramayan is the story of Ram, the 7th incarnation of Vishnu. In His incarnation, Ram teaches humanity and how to live the ideal life. Ram is described as an embodiment of religious righteousness. Everyone present in the pastimes of Shri Ram is perfect in their own roles. Ram Himself, is the perfect son, husband and king; Lakshman is the ideal brother; Sita is the ideal wife and daughter-in-law; Bharat is the ideal devotee; Hanuman is the ideal server and devotee; and even Raavan is the perfect enemy.

Ram, prince of Ayodhya, was taught the scriptures and warfare by Guru Vashishta. He won the hand of the beautiful princess Sita, by fulfilling King Janak (Sita's father) condition - to lift and wield a heavy bow, presented to his ancestors by Shiva.

Ram, his brother Lakshman and Sita were exiled for 14 years through the plotting of his stepmother. In the forest, Sita was abducted by Raavan, due to his lust for the beauty of Sita. Ram gathered an army of monkeys to search for her, headed by Hanuman. The allies attacked Lanka, killed Raavan, and rescued Sita.

After the couple's triumphant return to Ayodhya, the kingdom lit *dija* (lamp) and the festival of Diwali began. Shri Ram's Katha is particularly relevant for modern times when there is a great need to emphasise the importance of responsibility and good conduct.



Details Of Next Youth Satsang On 24th May

TITLE:
Modes Of Nature

TIME:
10:30 AM

ZOOM ID:
974 0942 6277

We're having an exciting Kahoot quiz next satsang so please do join.

What Is Pushtimarg?

Pushtimarg is spontaneous, selfless and unconditional love for Thakorji. Expression of this love is through *seva* (service). It is love after realising Thakorji's true nature. This realisation comes from knowledge and this knowledge is not a means of liberation. As liberation is considered secondary to the *seva* of Thakorji. It has only one aim - Thakorji's happiness, which is why it's known as the path of grace.

Summary Of Youth Satsang - My Purpose/Nature

- Different ways to identify your nature (Ayurvedic, DISC, IKIGAI, modes of material nature, etc.)
- We should attempt to identify our nature and work with it, to unlock our potential and work in harmony with our mind, body and soul.
- This will help us find our individual purpose - our way of loving and serving Thakorji and our loved ones, and making our contribution to society.