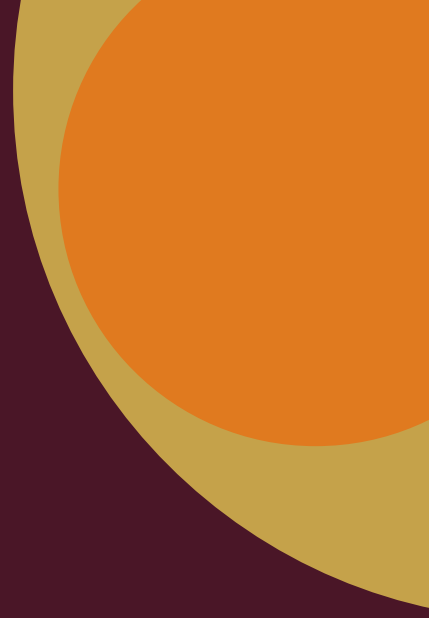




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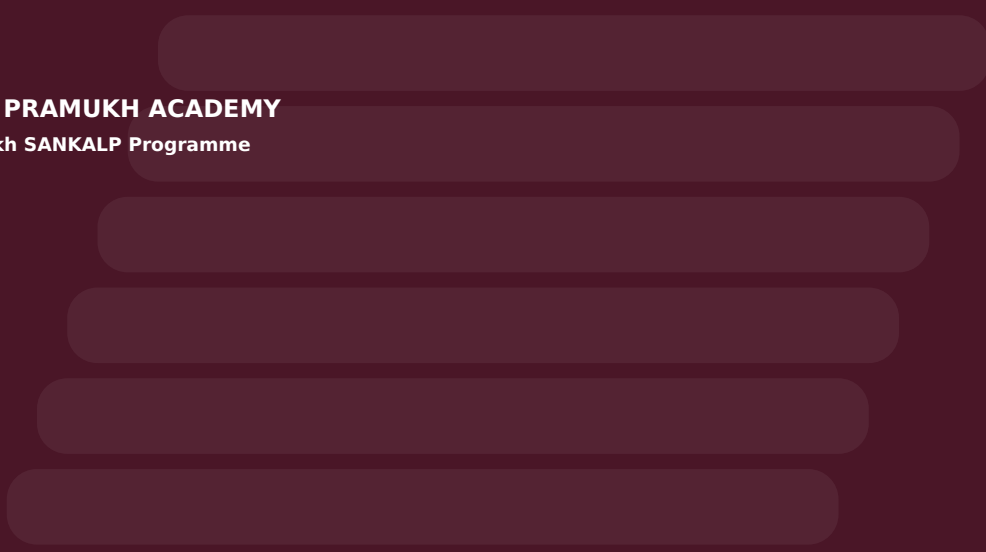
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Selected books for values, devotion, cultural understanding and inner growth.

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Pramukh SANKALP Programme



A Library for the Inner Journey

This curated BAPS collection brings together scriptures, biographies, value stories, cultural introductions and reflections on the lives and teachings of the guru parampara. It is designed to help students read with devotion, understanding and application.

UNDERSTAND	Discover spiritual principles, traditions and the foundations of Hindu thought.
CONNECT	Meet inspiring lives through biographies, incidents and first-hand memories.
PRACTISE	Turn reading into values, reflection, devotion and positive daily action.

How to use this guide

Choose a title suited to the student's age and interest. Read a little every day, note one message, and discuss one practical application with a parent or SANKALP Guardian.

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Complete Selected Collection

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Browse the full collection in source-list sequence.

1

The Ramayan (English)

A spiritual masterpiece, The Ramayan has enthralled generation after generation with its sweeping prose, dramatic landscapes and cataclysmic battles for truth and justice. Interspersed throughout the adventures of Lord Rama are timeless messages that have moved and molded, engrossed and enlightened, intrigued and inspired mankind for thousands of years. Taking inspiration from Valmiki's original work, Sadhu Amrutvijaydas teams up with legendary Indian artist and winner of the prestigious Grand Draper Award, Vasudeo Kamath to masterfully recreate this ancient epic in a concise, yet comprehensive format. Through dozens of captivating, full-page watercolor paintings and simple, yet profound exposition, this version of The Ramayan acts as an elegant introduction for children, teenagers, and adults alike. Vasudeo Kamath and Sadhu Amrutvijaydas vivid tapestry of art and concise diction captures the very essence of The Ramayan in a way that is sure to appeal to a new generation of readers.

2

The Mahabharat (English)

The Mahabharat is an epic par excellence - a riveting tale of adventure, tragedy and triumph. At its core, the Mahabharat relives the ancient battle between good and evil through the Pandavas and the Kauravas. It is an authoritative book of law, morality and philosophy that has sustained and nurtured the soul of India for generations. From the apocalyptic battlefield of Kurukshetra to the divine fragrance of the Bhagavad Gita, this ancient tale of love and despair is a majestic edifice of Hindu religion, ethics, thought, culture and literature. Here, Sadhu Vivekji vandas teams up with legendary Indian artist and winner of the prestigious Grand Draper Award, Vasudeo Kamath, to masterfully recreate this stunning tale for a contemporary audience. Through 41 captivating watercolor paintings and simple yet profound exposition, this version of the Mahabharat acts as an elegant introduction for children, teenagers, and adults alike.

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Satsang Vihar - 3 (English)

The English edition of Satsang Vihar - Part 3 is a part of the book series called Satsang Vihar. This book series is specially designed as an introductory study programme of BAPS Swaminarayan Hinduism for children. This Satsang Vihar series introduces the reader to the two most important aspects of Swaminarayan Sampradaya: agna and upasana. Under these two important themes, the readers are then served the foundational knowledge of the Swaminarayan Hindu Tradition in a piecemeal manner. By incorporating inspiring stories and life incidents of great personalities from the larger corpus of the literature of Swaminarayan Sampradaya, this series introduces the younger generation about the knowledge of Swaminarayan Sampradaya in a very simple manner, lucid language and with interesting illustrations. If the young readers read this book attentively, try to understand it and put its teachings into practice, they will certainly become ideal devotees who can enjoy the happiness of Akshardham here on Earth.

4

Story Time - 2 (English)

Story Time Part 2 is a book of miraculous tales. But don't misunderstand what miraculous mean. These are not stories of miracles; they are 31 tales - one for each day of the month - which have the power to perform miracles. Children are balls of energy and imagination. They have a voracious appetite for stories and tales of kings, animals and mystics. They enjoy this world but also allow themselves to live in many worlds at the same time. These tales will excite their imagination and take them to a variety of worlds - palaces, jungles, huts and more. While there, they will learn about truth, humility, service, honesty and other values. That's why these are miraculous tales. They implant the seeds of values that will help form entire lives.

5

Adventures Of Ghanshyam - 3

Adventures of Ghanshyam is an illustrated series specially for the younger generation that tells the tales of an adventurous and virtuous Bhagwan Swaminarayan as a child named Ghanshyam. What will Ghanshyam be like when he grows older? One day, Dharmadev sets up a simple test for Ghanshyam to answer this question. Sit with Dharmadev and Bhaktimata in Adventures of Ghanshyam -3: The Coin, the Scripture, and the Sword to see what Ghanshyam chooses on this test, and find out what that reveals about his future!

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Adventures Of Ghanshyam - 4

Adventures of Ghanshyam is an illustrated series specially for the younger generation that tells the tales of an adventurous and virtuous Bhagwan Swaminarayan as a child named Ghanshyam. Bhaktimata wishes to have Ghanshyam's ears pierced and invites such a person for this task. But suddenly there is a problem! Where has Ghanshyam gone? Will he return to fulfill his mother's wish? Follow Bhaktimata through Ghanshyam's head-spinning antics as she tracks down Ghanshyam before it turns dark in Adventures of Ghanshyam -4: Ghanshyam Gets His Ears Pierced!

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A Children's Guide to the life of PSM

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Let's Follow Shanti's Way

The book Let's Follow Shanti's Way contains inspiring stories from Shantilal's childhood.

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The Tales of Bal Nagari

In the book The Tales of the Bal Nagari the stories of Buzo, Suvarna and Sheru are given to help kids understand Pramukh Swami Maharaj's teachings.

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Buzo & the Dangers of the Jungle

Buzo & the Dangers of the Jungle captures the story of a mischievous forest child named Buzo. This boy yearns to explore the jungle on his own. His parents warn him of the dangers that lurk within, but he pays no heed. That is, until one day, when he runs into some serious trouble... Buzo's enchanting story captures many important morals for children, foremost being the value of honouring one's parents. This book is based on a theatrical production entitled 'The Village of Buzo' that was presented at the Pramukh Swami Maharaj Shatabdi Mahotsav in Ahmedabad, India, from 15 December 2022 to 15 January 2023.

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Psm Nagar Activity Book

This activity book for children provides an immersive experience into the attractions and pavilions of the centenary celebrations of Pramukh Swami Maharaj through fun and thought-provoking activities.

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Yogiji Maharaj's Tales of Wisdom - Know the True You Book-1

Join Sheru, an orphan lion cub raised among sheep, on a journey of self-discovery! Unaware of his true identity, Sheru faces challenges as he seeks to uncover his origins. Will he find out who he really is? Who will show him the way? Experience the transformative tale in Know the True You! The story Know the True You is inspired by the 101 Tales of Wisdom, a collection of parables as told by Yogiji Maharaj. Yogiji Maharaj's tales of wisdom inspire the cultivation of universal values such as unity, hard work, humility, spirituality, and altruism. This children's book series provides parents and children a platform to explore these universal truths.

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Yogiji Maharaj's Tales of Wisdom - Together We Fly Book-2

Join a brave family of doves in a heart-pounding quest for freedom! Trapped by a relentless hunter, they unite in a daring mission to break free. Will they soar to victory, or remain forever ensnared? Experience their thrilling journey of resilience and unity in Together We Fly! The story Together We Fly! is inspired by the 101 Tales of Wisdom, a collection of parables as told by Yogiji Maharaj. Yogiji Maharaj's tales of wisdom inspire the cultivation of universal values such as unity, hard work, humility, spirituality, and altruism. This children's book series provides parents and children a platform to explore these universal truths.

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Shishu Satsang Vihar - 1 (English)

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Sucharitam: Value Stories for Children- 1 (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj explains, "Through good company and reading of good books, one attains positive thoughts and inspiration needed to shape one's life and cultivate one's character." Sucharitam: Value Stories for Children - 1 is a series of books aimed to help cultivate such character in children. Each story or passage in the book highlights an important value for children to learn followed by several short exercises and activities that children can perform with their parents to reinforce the values in the story.

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Sucharitam: Value Stories for Children- 2 (English)

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Sucharitam: Value Stories for Children- 4 (English)

Wonderful Value Stories with colourful illustrations inspire values, good behaviour and help build a virtuous character. Each part provides guidance and inspiration to all students on how to live, study and succeed righteously.

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Sucharitam: Value Stories for Children- 5 (English)

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Kishore Satsang Pravesh (English)

Kishore Satsang Pravesh is an introduction to the traditions, history and personalities of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, second-level exam (Satsang Pravesh). This book provides a clear understanding of the Satsang and its foundations. Presented in a lucid language, this book includes explanations of basic codes of conduct, scriptural talks, vows, vrats, fundamental rituals like prayers, dhun, puja, arti, thal, etc., along with the life sketches of inspiring Paramahansas and devotees.

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Nilkanth Charitra (English)

Nilkanth Charitra is a brief illustrated introduction to Bhagwan Swaminarayan as a youth named Nilkanth Varni during his divine and epic journey through the lengths and breadths of India. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's second-level exam (Satsang Pravesh). The interesting and inspiring incidents from Nilkanth's sojourn provides an insight into the world of his stern austerities, the people he met, his travels in the Himalayas, his adventures in the rainforests of Bengal, his devotion in the pilgrim places of South India and how he finally settled in a small village in Gujarat called Loj. Based on the established scriptures of the Swaminarayan Fellowship, this account of the extraordinary travel will awaken the varied interests of youths and inspire them to higher spiritual endeavours. For convenience, a map presenting Nilkanth's travels has also been included.

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Shastriji Maharaj (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 2 - Satsang Pravesh Shastriji Maharaj is a concise presentation of the life and work of Brahmaswarup Shastriji Maharaj, the third spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, second-level exam (Satsang Pravesh). Written in a simple and lucid style, this abridged version of Shastriji Maharaj's biography provides a brief insight into his life and how he suffered severe hardships, overcame opposition, built five magnificent mandirs, enshrined the murtis of Akshar-Purushottam, and finally established the Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) for the propagation of the true Akshar Purushottam philosophy. It is truly an inspiring example of what one's determination to reveal the truth can achieve. This publication is a Hindi translation of the original Gujarati, Shastriji Maharaj.

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Satsang Reader - 1 (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 2 - Satsang Pravesh Satsang Vachanmala - 1 contains selected short biographies of sadhus and devotees from the time of Bhagwan Swaminarayan till more recent times. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, second-level exam (Satsang Pravesh). Bhagwan Swaminarayan and his spiritual successors have inspired countless aspirants during their own life to attain the highest spiritual state. Of these many sadhus and devotees, a selected few of these lives are lucidly presented in this book to serve as a shining example and spiritual compass for all on how to worship God and attain the ultimate divine bliss. This edition is an English translation with slight modifications of the original Gujarati Satsang Vachanmala 1.

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Kishore Satsang Parichay (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 3 - Satsang Parichay Kishore Satsang Parichay is an introduction to the traditions, history and personalities of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, third-level exam (Satsang Parichay). This book provides a clear understanding of the Satsang and its foundations. Presented in a lucid language, this book includes explanations of basic codes of conduct, scriptural talks, vows, vrats, fundamental rituals, along with the life sketches of inspiring Paramahansas and devotees.

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Pragji Bhakta (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 3 - Satsang Parichay Pragji Bhakta is a concise presentation of the life and work of Brahmaswarup Pragji Bhakta, the second successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and so known as Bhagatji Maharaj. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, third-level exam (Satsang Parichay). Pragji Bhakta's exemplary life of profound service, faith, obedience, devotion towards God and guru, and other sublime virtues reveals the ideal spiritual sadhana for all genuine aspirants determined to attain the highest state of spiritual realization. His life was full of trials, yet he remained steadfast in his faith, devotion and duties. He boldly proclaimed the glory of Bhagwan Swaminarayan as God and Gunatitanand Swami as the manifest form of Aksharbrahman. His life, work and message have stood as a source of immense inspiration for all spiritual aspirants.

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Satsang Reader - 2 (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 3 - Satsang Parichay Satsang Reader - 2 contains selected short biographies of sadhus and devotees from the time of Bhagwan Swaminarayan till more recent times. Bhagwan Swaminarayan and his spiritual successors have inspired countless aspirants during their own life to attain the highest spiritual state. Of these many sadhus and devotees, a few of these lives are lucidly presented in this book to serve as a shining example and spiritual compass for all on how to worship God and attain the ultimate divine bliss. This edition is an English translation with slight modifications of the original Gujarati Satsang - 2.

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Kishore Satsang Pravin (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 4 - Satsang Pravin Kishore Satsang Pravin is an introduction to the traditions, history and personalities of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's fourth-level exam (Satsang Pravin). This book provides a clear understanding of the Satsang and its foundations. Presented in a lucid language, this book includes explanations of basic codes of conduct, scriptural talks, vows, vrats, fundamental rituals like mansi puja, chesta, etc., along with inspiring life sketches of selected Paramahansas and devotees. This publication is a Hindi translation of the original Gujarati book, Kishore Satsang Pravin.

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Aksharpurushottam Upasana (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 4 - Satsang Pravin Aksharpurushottam Upasana is a brief introduction to Parabrahman Swaminarayan's doctrinal philosophy of the Akshar-Purushottam Darshan or Akshar-Purushottam Vedant. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's fourth-level exam (Satsang Pravin). Through its revelation, Parabrahman Swaminarayan provided a unique, unprecedented contribution to Vedic knowledge. His successors, Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami and Brahmaswarup Bhagatji Maharaj, continued this legacy. This readable volume gives an in-depth account backed by scriptural quotations and references. An essential read for anyone who wants to learn the beliefs of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. This publication is an English translation of the original Gujarati book, Aksharpurushottam Upasana.

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Gunatitanand Swami (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 4 - Satsang Pravin Gunatitanand Swami is a concise presentation of the life and work of Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami, the first spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. It is one of the four textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, fourth-level exam (Satsang Pravin). Gunatitanand Swami holds a unique place among the five hundred paramhansas of Bhagwan Swaminarayan as his chief disciple. The life of Gunatitanand Swami is the very embodiment of pure divinity, and so he is revered as an ideal sadhu and a guru. Gunatitanand Swami was among the first to reveal and spread the supremacy of Bhagwan Swaminarayan on this earth. Gunatitanand Swami's life confirmed the fact that Bhagwan Swaminarayan is ever manifest on this earth through Aksharbrahman and has kept the path of redemption for jivas open through a God-realized Sadhu. This book is an overview of the divine life of Gunatitanand Swami highlighting his devotion, spirit of service, spiritual understanding and the impact he had in transforming and inspiring the lives of others. It is based on the comprehensive biography Aksharbrahman Shri Gunatitanand Swami by Shri Harshadbhai Dave.

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Vachanamrut (Eng.)

The Vachanamrut is a principal shastra of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. It is a compilation of 273 spiritual discourses delivered by Bhagwan Swaminarayan from 1819 CE to 1829 CE. This publication is an English Translation of the original Gujarati scripture. Through sermons and question-answer sessions, Swaminarayan Bhagwan provides practical and enlightening guidance on all aspects of spirituality for spiritual aspirants. It is a Hindu Shastra filled with infallible logic, illuminating analogies and metaphors, and divine revelations that provide philosophical and practical answers to the deepest mysteries and questions of life. Whether one wants to overcome anger or understand the nature of God, whether one wants to eradicate jealousy or know whose company to keep, whether one wants to recognise a true guru or develop faith in God, the Vachanamrut guides one to enlightenment. It is the essence of the Hindu scriptures based on the spiritual knowledge, spiritual insight and practical experience of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, the Supreme Reality himself.

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Swamini Vato (Big) (English)

Swamini Vato, one of the principal scriptures of the Swaminarayan Sampraday, contains the essence of the spiritual teachings of Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami. Throughout the Swaminarayan Sampraday, the teachings of Gunatitanand Swami are highly respected as a unique and insightful commentary on Bhagwan Swaminarayan's Vachnamrut. These teachings are a goldmine of practical, spiritual wisdom and guidance, clarifying issues of practical and philosophical importance to all genuine spiritual aspirants. In this publication, dense spiritual topics such as the glory, divinity, and supremacy of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, the importance of swadharma (one's own dharma), atmagnan (knowledge of the soul), the futility of sensual pleasures, detachment, and devotion have been lucidly explicated.

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The Vachanamrut Handbook (English)

The Vachanamrut Handbook is a thorough and detailed supplement to the study of The Vachanamrut, a compilation of discourses on universal topics such as finding inner peace, spirituality and the true nature of life and the soul, delivered by Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Transcribed by Hindu sadhus in his presence, The Vachanamrut, is the most sacred text of the Swaminarayan movement. This publication acts as a beginner's guide and a companion to the ideas and philosophies established in The Vachanamrut. With the aid of maps, charts, paintings and sketches, The Vachanamrut Handbook provides invaluable context necessary for the study of The Vachanamrut. It not only explains the political, cultural, and religious background of the time, it also distils the philosophy and concepts that frequently emerge in the text. This invaluable resource is an absolute must have for any serious student of the Swaminarayan movement.

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Satsang Diksha (English)

Satsang Diksha (English Edition) is a shastra authored by Pragat Brahmaswarup Mahant Swami Maharaj in Gujarati, which forms a part of the voluminous 'Akshar-Purushottam Samhita.' In Satsang Diksha, based on the teachings of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, Mahant Swami Maharaj concisely describes the philosophical principles to be understood and the daily personal practices of devotion to be undertaken by all BAPS devotees. This shastra reveals the path based on the principles of agna and upasana that everyone must follow to attain Ekantik Dharma and experience the bliss of God.

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The Vachanamrut: Pocket Size 3 parts (English)

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Yogiji Maharaj (English)

Satsang Exam Textbook: Exam 1 - Satsang Prarambha Yogiji Maharaj is a concise presentation of the life and work of Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj, the fourth spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. It is one of the three textbooks for the Satsang Examination curriculum's, first-level exam (Satsang Prarambha). Written in a simple and lucid style, this abridged version of Yogiji Maharaj's biography briefly tells the life-story of the divine personality including the important events right from his birth to his last days, his life's work, his inspiring personality, as well as his eloquent preaching that encouraged millions to lead a pure, moral life and to ascend the spiritual ladder. This publication is an English translation of the original Gujarati, Yogiji Maharaj

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Bal Sabha (English)

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Shikshapatri Sachitra

Shikshapatri: Sachitra is an illustrated edition that provides an introduction to the basic codes of conduct penned by Bhagwan Swaminarayan in the Shikshapatri along with eye-catching illustrations to help them visualize and reinforce these messages. The Shikshapatri is one of the primary scriptures of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. Blending contemporary social mores with a strong spiritual ideal, Bhagwan Swaminarayan condensed the standards for behaviour in just 212 Sanskrit shlokas. The Shikshapatri was written in Vadtal, Gujarat, on February 12, 1826 CE (Maha Sud 5, Vikram Samvat Year 1882). In the Shikshapatri, Bhagwan Swaminarayan has instructed his devotees in matters of health, hygiene, dressing, diet, etiquette, diplomacy, finance, education, friendship, morality, habits, penance, religious duties, celebrations, and other areas. The codes are applicable to devotees from all stages and walks of life - young or old; man or woman; married, unmarried, or widowed; householder or sadhu. The central premise of the Shikshapatri, as mentioned in its 116th shloka, is that an aspirant should aim to identify himself as one with Brahma, separate from the (physical) bodies, and offer devotion to God. Furthermore, Bhagwan Swaminarayan has instructed all of his devotees to read the Shikshapatri daily so they constantly remain aware of their duties.

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200 Swamini Vato (English)

With the sankalp Yogiji Maharaj, the weekly Bal Mandal satang assemblies are conducted across the world. On the auspicious occasion of the bicentenary celebrations of Akshar Brahma Gunatitand Swami, a selection of 200 sermons from his vast collection was published to enable the children to memorize the sermons conveniently. This pocket-sized book that contains transliterations of some of the shortest, yet highly enlightening, sermons.

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200 Satsang Questions & Answers (English)

200 Satsang Questions & Answers is a pocket-size booklet that provides basic information about Bhagwan Swaminarayan, His spiritual successors and the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha through two-hundred informative questions and answers. This format will make learning these essential facts and figures truly enjoyable.

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108 Prasangmala (English)

108 Prasangmala is a collection of short inspiring stories primarily designed for children. It is said that although preaching to youngsters can be a method to teach them morals, there is yet a better way of doing so. It can be done by telling them little stories with a solid moral in it. Just one episode narrated in a story can invariably change the direction of a young boy or girl's life. Be it tales from the Panchatantra, Aesop's Fables, Yogiji Maharaj's Satsang Stories or episodes from the lives of great souls, all of them are able to shape humanity. Hence, these 108 short stories, selected from the lives of Shriji Maharaj, the Gunatit Guru Parampara and other sadhus and devotees will help in shaping the character of youngsters and make them responsible citizens of tomorrow.

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Good Habits-Bad Habits (English)

The need for good values and behavior should be impressed on children from a young age. It contrases the differing fortunes of two boys - one with good conduct and the other with bad conduct - in a range of daily situations children are likely to encounter.

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Contemplative Poems: For Me, My Family & Friends (English)

Over time and across cultures, poetry has spoken to a common need of the human heart and soul - the need to be inspired, the need for meaning. With their playful rhyme and soothing rhythm, poems wield the power to not only entertain and enchant, but to exalt, uplift and inspire whatever and whomever they touch. They allow us to connect to things and people in ways seldom possible by other means. And what better way to share the insights of successful parenting and family life than through this delightful, eclectic collection of poems. Contemplative Poems is a compendium of 53 beautiful poems that imparts Pramukh Swami Maharaj's message, "The family that plays together, prays together and eats together; stays together." Some of its 53 works will particularly appeal to children and teenagers, while others are more relevant to parents, and several are for the whole family. Exploring a range of themes from positive habits and attitudes, through to sibling rivalry and family accord - each poet has magically conjured an inspirational message for every member of the family. Each poem is further brought alive with a captivating illustration that helps the reader and grasp its essence. Together, they invite the inquisitive, reflective reader to ponder upon and enjoy the deeper meanings of the poems.

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The Parenting Journal (English) 1

The Parenting Journal is English translation of Gujarati publication Valini Diary to help parents with raising their children. The book is divided into four sections: 1. Sanskar (Values). 2. Shikshan (Education), 3. Child Psychology and 4. Parental Behaviour. Each section features stories that parents are required to analyse and then note their thoughts. Based on this, parents will be able to appraise how they interact, teach and relate to their children. This is truly a wonderful method of highlighting areas of parenting in which parents often neglect to improve their own methods and shortcomings. It will help bridge the generation gap and make families more united and virtuous. The book also points out the essential role and prime responsibility of parents to lead by example. This excellent publication also features Pramukh Swami Maharaj's wise words on the various topics covered.

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India's Glorious Culture (English)

India's Glorious Culture is a pocket sized English edition adapted from Sanskruti Naad in Gujarati. This short booklet attempts to answer some of the most fundamental questions related to the glorious past of Bharatvarsha, now known as India. Where on the earth did the first cultural sun rise? Where in this world did the first light of knowledge, science, nobility and values spread? Where was the first voice of culture heard? It was in Bharat (India), where the pure waters of Ganga, Sarasvati and Sindhu flow in the north, where the vast ocean washes its southern shores, and where the ineffable Himalayas look benignly over the entire subcontinent. India, our great motherland, heard the first celestial notes of the cultural voice that is divine, grand and inspiring! Come, let us once again hear that voice of the ancient past with pride and joy by reading this publication.

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Yogi and the Magical Sage

For millennia, fables and parables, such as the Hitopadesh and Yogiji Maharaj's bodh kathas, have been used to instruct, explain, and convey profound truths to children. Continuing in this tradition, albeit with a modern flair, Yogi and the Magical Sage is an enchanting story of a young boy named Yogi who is taken on a wild adventure across the world and through the winds of time. Learning about different Hindu practices at each stop, Yogi is soon proud to have a much deeper regard and appreciation for his own religion

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Murti Puja and Bal Samskaras (English)

Murti Puja and Bal Samskaras explains how parenting plays a deeply rooted and critical role in building a firm foundation of spirituality for children. This book is a précis of shastras in a modern context that guides the parents to attain bliss, peace and happiness for and with their children. Lucidity, authenticity and practicality are pivots of this handbook for experienced parents as well as newlywed couples. A must read for parents, it is an investment in preserving the best of what Hindu values offer to a global society that will one day belong to our children. This publication encourages parents to nurture an unbreakable bond of love and friendship between children and their guru so they learn to trust that he will unfailingly guide them as they journey through life. Our Hindu communities across continents need this type of educational tool. It reminds us that the Hindu tradition is rich in prescriptive tips to creating a happy, sustainable lifestyle that upholds self-awareness and personal discipline as core virtues.

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Study Techniques (English)

Study Techniques- an English Translation of the Gujarati edition book Adarsh Vidhyarthi - is a publication for students that gives formulas for academic success. Prepared with the help of numerous successful students, experienced teachers and acclaimed psychologists, this book will help any student reach greater academic heights.

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Overcoming Inner Hurdles-5

Synopsis not provided in the source list.

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Swaminarayan Bliss

Monthly Magazine by Swaminarayan Aksharpath

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Swaminarayan Bal- Prakash (English)

Monthly Magazine for Children by Swaminarayan Aksharpath

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Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan - A Saga in Paintings

Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan - A Saga in Paintings is an iconic art publication that presents Bhagwan Swaminarayan's life, works and messages in 49 outstanding oil paintings. Painted over a period of 15 years by internationally acclaimed artist Shri Vasudeo Kamath, this album of paintings captures Bhagwan Swaminarayan's life's journey in realistic biographical paintings that beautifully blend history and creativity. The book is printed on special paper that truly brings the colourful paintings to life. The painting style incorporated in these paintings is that of the modern revival of a rare historic religious art form.

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Bhagwan Swaminarayan - An Introduction

The book Bhagwan Swaminarayan - An Introduction gives a brief overview of the life, work and teachings of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. This book, in English language, is an excellent introduction, presented in 13 short chapters, which clearly describe and explain the salient points.

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Impressions Part 1 (English)

Impressions Part 1 captures the essence and core of Bhagwan Swaminarayan's human and divine personality through stories of his travels as Nilkanth Varni and later as Bhagwan Swaminarayan, the founder of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. As a teenager, his legendary determination, austerity, and compassion superseded all human limits of endurance and endeavour. He conquered the extremes of climate and terrain, and transformed those who tried to claim him, defeat him and even destroy him. As a spiritual master, he travelled in Gujarat reforming the wayward and liberating the pious. He left an enduring impression in the lives of countless people. This English edition is an adaptation of the original Gujarati Shriji Charitra Vihar 1.

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Impressions Part 2 (English)

Impressions Part 2 captures the essence and core of Bhagwan Swaminarayan's human and divine personality. This book is a selection of enlightening stories from the life of Bhagwan Swaminarayan during his stay in Gujarat. Bhagwan Swaminarayan's magnetic, genial and divine personality attracted the best people in different fields to an avowed discipleship. People worshipped him as Parabrahman the Supreme God. With the help of committed followers he worked a peaceful spiritual revolution. He purified and reformed a society that was politically corrupt, socially disorganized and spiritually bankrupt. He eradicated discriminations based on caste, colour and sect. He accepted one and all, granting everyone Moksha. Each story leaves an abiding impression about his divine personality. This English edition is an adaptation of the original Gujarati Shriji Charitra Vihar 2.

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Nilkanth Varni: The Epic Pilgrimage of a Child-Yogi (English)

Nilkanth Varni: The Epic Pilgrimage of a Child-Yogi is the intrepid true story of an 11-year-old child yogi who single-handedly accomplished a seven-year epic pilgrimage across the length and breadth of India. His spiritual adventures reflect an amazing story of determination, fearlessness, austerity, service, faith and compassion. The travels of Nilkanth Varni, which are briefly portrayed in the giant screen film, Mystic India, were undertaken to liberate countless people and revive the sanctity of our holy pilgrimage places. Upon concluding his pilgrimage at the age of 18, Nilkanth Varni, who later became known as Bhagwan Swaminarayan, ushered in a moral and spiritual renaissance in Gujarat and resuscitated the glorious bhakti tradition. As a translation of one section of the definitive five-volume biography of Bhagwan Swaminarayan by Harshadrai Dave, this publication is the most comprehensive account of Bhagwan Swaminarayan's time as Nilkanth Varni available in English.

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Royal Path of Brahavidya: Swaminarayan Sadhana (English)

Bhagwan Swaminarayan and his Gunatit Sadhus have lived and taught a unique and practical path of spiritual sadhana that leads to the realization of atma and Paramatma. Royal Path of Brahavidya: Swaminarayan Sadhana provides a detailed description of this special path of spiritual endeavour by which all aspirants can succeed in their spiritual quest and experience the ultimate bliss of God.

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Realization of Brahmavidya: Swaminarayan Theology (English)

Realization of Brahmavidya: Swaminarayan Theology presents Bhagwan Swaminarayan's deep philosophical and theological teachings by discussing in detail his concepts of Parabrahman, Aksharbrahman, maya, Ishwar and jiva. Bhagwan Swaminarayan revealed his distinct understanding of God, soul and creation based on canonical Hindu Scriptures. His profound insights provide the basis for a unique spiritual path to realizing and experiencing the eternal bliss of God. This book is an English translation of an abridged version of the Gujarati books Vachanamrut Rahasya Parts 2 and 3.

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Shri Neelkantham Hrudi Chintayami (English)

Shri Neelkantham Hrudi Chintayami provides a glimpse into the divine personality of Shri Neelkanth through a selection of inspiring paintings and stories. The central subject of the paintings is Neelkanth, the teenage-yogi form of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. In 1792, Bhagwan Swaminarayan renounced home at the age of 11 and he travelled throughout India until 1799. At the age of 18, having walked over 12,000 km, he concluded his nationwide journey in the village of Loj in Gujarat. He accepted initiation from the highly respected and pious Ramanand Swami. Thereafter, Bhagwan Swaminarayan commenced the spiritual work for which he had manifest on earth. Each of the paintings in this collection depicts a true story, but each is enhanced by the creative element of the artist. In addition to capturing the details of the story, each painting is elaborated by the artist's imagination to enhance the message of each incident. By patiently inspecting, reviewing and analysing each painting, the reader will be able to truly enjoy and appreciate not only the bold, but also the fine details, which are likely to be missed by a casual, hurried look. To assist in understanding the paintings, the story behind each painting is briefly described. The added imaginative features are also described. By viewing each painting and its descriptions, new insights into Neelkanth's personality will be gained, since each painting portrays a different aspect of his inspiring personality. These excellent paintings are the creation of Shri Vasudeo Kamath, an accomplished artist who is renowned for thinking out of the box and creatively presenting a topic in an emotionally and aesthetically appealing way.

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Adornments of Bhagwan Swaminarayan In the Vachanamrut (English)

Through sermons and question-answer sessions, Swaminarayan Bhagwan provides practical and enlightening guidance on all aspects of spirituality for spiritual aspirants. It is a Hindu Shastra filled with infallible logic, illuminating analogies and metaphors, and divine revelations that provide philosophical and practical answers to the deepest mysteries and questions of life. Whether one wants to overcome anger or understand the nature of God, whether one wants to eradicate jealousy or know whose company to keep, whether one wants to recognise a true guru or develop faith in God, the Vachanamrut guides one to enlightenment. It is the essence of the Hindu scriptures based on the spiritual knowledge, spiritual insight and practical experience of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, the Supreme Reality himself.

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Yogiji Maharaj: An Unforgettable Guru (English)

Yogiji Maharaj: An Unforgettable Guru is an abridged biography of Yogiji Maharaj that gives a glimpse of what made him an unforgettable guru. This publication will inspire and provide the readers with an introduction to Yogiji Maharaj's great, divine life. Yogiji Maharaj was a personification of bliss, purity and humility. His beaming face, tranquil eyes, rapturous singing and hands ecstatically clapping or blessing a devotee were all manifestations of his profound spirituality and realization of God. An unabridged version of Yogiji Maharaj's biography was authored by Ishwarcharan Swami. He wrote six volumes, each comprising of over 700 pages, about the life, works and teachings of Yogiji Maharaj. They were published from 1989 to 1992 and received worldwide acclaim from the Satsang community. Thereafter, a decision was made to publish an abridged version. The task of capsulizing the voluminous works posed a formidable challenge.

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Yogi Gita

Yogi Gita, literally meaning "Yogi's Song", refers to a collection of spiritual teachings and prayers of Yogiji Maharaj, the fourth spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. This pocket-sized publication is a translation of the original Gujarati. Yogi Gita encapsulates the necessary attributes one must imbibe in order to progress spiritually and become Brahmarupa or attain the highest level of spiritual enlightenment. This short compendium of high spiritual values also provides an expansive view of the Akshar Purushottam Upasana, the doctrinal foundation of Swaminarayan Darshan. Yogi Gita begins with a letter from Yogiji Maharaj to a devout follower and a stirring prayer offered by him in Mehlav, Gujarat. The Yogi Gita continues with the Jivan Bhavna, a collection of Yogiji Maharaj's life philosophy and guidance, and the Hradayni Vato, a collection of Yogiji Maharaj's words of wisdom.

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Images of Eternal Joy: Moments with Yogiji Maharaj (English)

Images of Eternal Joy: Moments with Yogiji Maharaj provides a glimpse into the divine personality of Yogiji Maharaj through a selection of inspiring photographs and stories. Yogiji Maharaj's genuine inner joy reflected his eternal communion with God. The sound of his innocent laughter penetrated deep within all who came to meet him. His ever-smiling face calmed even the most troubled minds. The vibrations of his affectionate pat on the back dissolved all inner turmoil. Such was his divine aura that his mere darshan brought peace. Yogiji Maharaj's life was full of divine laughter. Whatever the event, whatever the circumstances, he had a huge broad smile to greet one and all. It was not that he never faced difficulties or challenges - for his life was full of them - but, his hearty, joyful smile was his unique and universal answer to all situations. And it was contagious, for, whoever came to him, whatever their plight, always left feeling lightened of their burden, spiritually inspired and clinging possessively to their new found joy. That was the magic of Yogiji Maharaj. This publication captures the natural joy of Yogiji Maharaj - the joy born of unbroken communion with God. Each photograph will stir the soul to seek the divine bliss Yogiji Maharaj enjoyed. They tell the story of Yogiji Maharaj's life - one of joy, more joy, everlasting spiritual joy. We feel sure that these images of Yogiji Maharaj will bring unparalleled joy to your heart.

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Glory of Akshar Deri & Akshar Mandir (English)

Glory Akshar Deri and Mandir is a translation of the unique account given by Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj in Gujarati about the history of the Akshar Deri and Akshar Mandir, Gondal. He was witness to many of the historical descriptions he has given about the glory of Akshar Deri and the construction of Akshar Mandir. His lucid and picturesque narratives are captivating and spiritually elevating. Also, his profound sense of historicity and Meticulousness for detail is evident in his writings. Yogiji Maharaj begins by writing about the origin of Akshar Deri and its divine impact upon the devotees and others. Then, he unfolds the history of how Brahmaswarup Shastriji Maharaj built Akshar Mandir, Gondal, describing the acquisition of land for the mandir, hardships faced during construction and the Herculean efforts of sadhus, devotees and artisans. Yogiji Maharaj also gives details about how Shastriji Maharaj made great efforts in getting the murtis made and festive consecration ceremonies. Finally, he describes how the Akshar Mandir beautified and how the assembly-hall and Akshar Ghat were made. By reading this brief publication a devotee or pilgrim will be enlightened about the glory and history of Akshar Deri and Akshar Mandir, Gondal, which are the holiest of holy places in the BAPS.

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Mahant Swami Maharaj: A Brief Introduction (English)

Mahant Swami Maharaj A Brief Introduction briefly introduces the life story of Param Pujya Mahant Swami Maharaj, an epitome of innate saintliness. Recognised and revealed by his gurus Yogiji Maharaj and Pramukh Swami Maharaj, his saintliness permeates his daily actions and spiritual practices. By reading this succinct publication, journey through his childhood in Jabalpur as an exceptionally brilliant student to his youth when he received diksha at the hands of Guru Yogiji Maharaj to the days when he served Guru Pramukh Swami Maharaj devoutly as an ideal disciple to the time he became the sixth Guru and the spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Through his inspiring life incidents, one gains an insight into his saintly persona of simplicity, straightforwardness and his inner sentiments of sincere and heartiest respects for all. Relive how he showers all with his selfless love and compassion. Learn from his soft-spoken discourses that bring deep reflection and unique insight. Experience his pristine humility and sheer spirituality that helps one realize that he is from a divine realm.

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In the Joy of Others (English)

In the Joy of Others is a life sketch of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, portraying his credo, "In the joy of others lies our own". This publication first chronicles Pramukh Swami Maharaj's life from childhood to him shouldering the spiritual leadership of the Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) in 1971. The rest of the publication delves chapter-wise into various aspects of his life like relentless travels, care for sadhus, interaction with children and youth, spirituality and teachings, concern for social harmony and other such topics. In all, the book attempts to offer a brief overview of his life and work up till 2005. As one of the few biographical sketches of Pramukh Swami Maharaj available in English, this short book provides an insight into the bold spiritual vision, simplicity of life, service to society and communion with God that has made Pramukh Swami Maharaj one of modern India's foremost Hindu spiritual teachers. This publication has been adapted from the Gujarati version Pragat Brahmaswarup Pramukh Swami Maharaj by renowned Gujarati writer Mohanlal Patel.

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Portrait of Inspiration: Pramukh Swami Maharaj (English)

Portrait of Inspiration is a concise publication that provides a glimpse of the essence of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's personality through inspiring incidents from his life. Each page reflects the depth of his unique relationship with humans, society and God. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's virtues of simplicity, honesty, compassion, selflessness, humility, service, devotion and many others are evident from his life. To possess an infinite resource of spirituality is a rare phenomenon; and to be graced by such a soul is the ultimate fruit of human existence. Like a river that flows naturally, nourishing and beautifying everything around it, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, too, inspired a world of happiness, confidence, courage, service and freedom in the lives of countless souls.

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Yug Purush Pramukh Swami Maharaj (English)

Yug Purush Pujya Pramukh Swami Maharaj narrates the life of Pramukh Swami Maharaj in nine brief sections. From his birth to his efforts for globalizing BAPS and Hinduism, this publication highlights the tireless hard work and endeavors undertaken by Pramukh Swami Maharaj. While describing his enduring efforts and perseverance in accomplishing the seemingly impossible tasks, this book regards Pramukh Swami Maharaj's unshaken faith in God as the sole strength behind his success.

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Pure Devotion (English)

Pure Devotion portrays facets of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's steadfast devotion. This publication is based on original Gujarati Parabhakti. The English version has been modified to suit the language. Bhakti is devotion. Parabhakti is pure devotion. Devotion par excellence. Bhakti finds its home in the person of a pure devotee - a God-realized Sadhu. A Sadhu in constant rapport with God, a Sadhu absorbed in the infinite bliss of God, a Sadhu bubbling with sincere spirituality. Pramukh Swami Maharaj was such a Sadhu. He performed all his activities with devotion and service to Bhagwan Swaminarayan and gurus Shastriji Maharaj and Yogiji Maharaj. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's parabhakti or pure devotion, amidst his busy schedule, was often difficult for people to fathom. Reading this book will open at least a small window into the fascinating realm of Pramukh Swami Maharaj and inspire aspirants on the path of pure devotion to God.

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Eternal Virtues: Spiritual Attributes of Pramukh Swami Maharaj

The Hindu scripture, the Shrimad Bhagavat Purana, describes 39 virtues possessed by one who has attained spiritual perfection and eternal peace. Eternal Virtues: Spiritual Attributes of Pramukh Swami Maharaj defines these 39 virtues and, through examples of these virtues in Pramukh Swami Maharaj's life, inspires the reader to cultivate these virtues in his or her own life. These profiles of truth, compassion, forgiveness, contentment, tolerance, courage, faith, humility and other virtues serve to inspire and elevate one's consciousness. Author: Sadhu Aksharvatsaldas, Translator: Yogi Trivedi. Pramukh Swami Maharaj is one of the most revered Hindu leaders of our generation. Not only have his works for humanity and faith earned him widespread respect, but his personal spirituality has been a source of inspiration for millions around the world. This book is a unique examination of his spiritual life. It is organized not as a sequential biography, but as a series of engaging biographical incidents that illuminate his true personality.

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Divinity (English)

Divinity is a journey into Pramukh Swami Maharaj's divine world. Pramukh Swami Maharaj is the repository of divinity as Bhagwan Swaminarayan dwells in him. We can reach God through Swamishri. What starts as an expedition without, culminates into an exploration a discovery within. In the trek through the fascinating realms of his divinity, we experience the vivid attributes of Swamishri's vast spiritual personality.

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With Blessings

With Blessings provides an insight into the wide range of issues for which people write letters to Param Pujya Pramukh Swami Maharaj and the replies they receive. Pramukh Swami Maharaj has read and replied to over 750,000 letters Devotees the world over have prospered and been comforted by Swamishri's guidance, prayers and blessings. The letters of Pramukh Swami Maharaj reflect his deep compassion for humanity and his role in fulfilling his quest to see one and all experience of the bliss of God. With the aim of instilling cultural values and character in the lives of those who seek his shelter, his pen has enabled him to reach distant lands and hearts. He sends his thoughts and blessings on paper to untangle the souls of the spiritually confused, to heal the hearts of the socially wounded, to soothe the minds of the morally frustrated. A letter from Swamishri is indeed a meeting with Swamishri. A letter from Swamishri is essentially a message from Akshardham. With Blessings is an English adaptation of the original Gujarati Aksharnaa Hasta Akshar published in 1995 to commemorate Pramukh Swami Maharaj's 75th Birth Anniversary.

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Pramukh Swami Maharaj - A Friend of Youth (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj: A Friend of Youth explores how Pramukh Swami Maharaj has guided, nurtured and cared for youth like a true friend. For youths, this book serves as guide and inspiration, for parents it is an ideal to follow, and for educators, it illustrates how to nurture the seeds that will help bring about a bright future. Over the years, Pramukh Swami Maharaj has met thousands of youths and helped them through their struggles, encouraging and inspiring them to reach their divine potential. His soothing presence is magnetic and divine, inspiring excellence, virtues, enthusiasm and faith in thousands of youths.

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Immortal River: Swamishri's Holy Travels (English)

Immortal River captures the moving story of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's incredible travels, which are but a drop from the ocean of his life. Each page and every little story will unfold before you his simplicity, patience, tolerance and sheer commitment to elevate the human spirit. Vicharan (holy travels) is a wonderful ancient tradition initiated by India's illustrious sages and ascetics. Bhagwan Swaminarayan revived this age-old and that tradition was continued by Pramukh Swami Maharaj, who through his tireless travelling, shared the universal message of Bhagwan Swaminarayan around the world. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's immense vicharan reveals his multi-faceted personality: his deep devotion to God and his gurus, his infinite capacity to endure hardships, his inexhaustible patience and compassion in listening to the woes of people and providing them solutions. Swamishri's vicharan has nourished spiritual faith, integrity and peace in countless lives. His vicharan is like an ever-flowing river of nectar. Come, let us drink from the divine waters of this Immortal River.

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Nectar of Experience (English)

Nectar of Experience is a pocket-sized s a pocket-sized English rendition of selected enlightening excerpts from the discourses of Pramukh Swami Maharaj. This small publication covers a wide range of subjects relating to religion and spirituality that will guide and inspire people of all ages to tackle everyday issues and reach their true potential in life. The booklet deals with a variety of subjects related to basic concepts of satsang, prayer, happiness, character, peace, bad company, glory of God, guru and others.

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Friend of Friends: Inspiring Stories of Pramukh Swami Maharaj with Children (English)

Friend of Friends: Inspiring Stories of Pramukh Swami Maharaj with Children is an illustrated book that provides an opportunity for children and young teenagers to learn, understand and appreciate how Pramukh Swami Maharaj has cared and loved them through inclusive and inspiring interactions. This book is a brief journey in discovering the spirit of Swamishri's personality. The photographs breathe life into each incident. After each story in the book, a few questions help the reader to focus on its main features and their importance in daily life. Sometimes the reader is encouraged to explore the subject with his or her parents. Swamishri's message at the end of each incident enlightens the reader further. The language used is kept as simple as possible. It is a down to earth conversational and descriptive pattern, thus providing a lively, one to one experience of Swamishri with children.

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101 Pearls of Wisdom (English)

101 Pearls of Wisdom is an English translation of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's selected discourses in Gujarati, reflecting the essence of his teaching in a nutshell. Over the past three decades, Pramukh Swami Maharaj has shared his inexhaustible wisdom with millions throughout the world. The vast panorama of people, cultures, events and situations have been blessed by his divine words. Every word echoes his profound humility, selflessness, purity and glory for God. His words, though simple and unlaced with rhetoric, carry the charisma of his divine character. They guide, inspire and purify; transcending all barriers of human distinctions.

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Vibrations Part 1 (English)

Vibrations Part 1 seeks to nourish the spiritual spark within and facilitate the flight of the soul to eternal happiness and freedom. The brief inspiring incidents form the life of His Divine Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj echo with joy, wisdom, and warmth for the whole of humanity. This publication portrays inspiring incidents from the life of Pramukh Swami Maharaj. The incidents were originally noted in Gujarati by BAPS sadhus and then translated. They reveal his divinity, devotion, and compassion for humanity. The photographs of Swamishri, included at regular intervals, reflect his divine moods. This book will serve as a source of inspiration and be a guiding light to devotees and aspirants in their endeavour to understanding and realizing the Guru and in earning his divine grace to experience God.

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Divine Memories Part 4 (English)

The book series Divine Memories is a collection of inspiring and enlightening incidents from the life of Pramukh Swami Maharaj personally experienced and narrated by his sadhu-disciples. Read how Swamishri has had such an impact on them that they have sacrificed all their personal ambitions and have renounced to only serve God and guru. Each chapter is an account by different sadhus revealing some of their most cherished and inspiring moments with Swamishri. The books in this series are a translation of the original Gujarati series of books titled Jeva Me Nirkhya Re. In this particular publication, Divine Memories Part 4, Mahant Swami Maharaj, the present guru and the president of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, pens down the inspiring personality of Pramukh Swami Maharaj and his salient features, spiritual and otherwise, that make him so special. Mahant Swami Maharaj served Pramukh Swami Maharaj for over 40 years and this highly interesting and thoughtful account is an excellent distillation of all these years of experience. This English edition is a translation of the Gujarati original.

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Prasangam - 2009 (English)

Prasangam 2009 provides the opportunity to relish some of the inspirational incidents of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's daily life in 2009. The incidents in this book are depicted as they have naturally happened in Pramukh Swami Maharaj's daily life without dressing them with any literary or interpretive ornaments. Studying Swamishri's guidance to the many devotees who come to him with their problems can help guide us in resolving our own life problems.

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Pramukh Swami Maharaj: Life & Work in Brief (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj: Life & Work in Brief is rather a concise portrayal of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's character and charisma in the form of revealing incidents than an exhaustive biography. The incidents, from Swamishri's childhood to recent times, recorded in this short book reveal the virtues that have touched and inspired countless people, young and old. They demonstrate his constant efforts to help people of all ages and background anywhere in the world to progress in their personal, family, moral, cultural educational, social, and spiritual endeavours.

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Transcendence (English)

In Transcendence, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, with his co-author and pupil Arun Tiwari, maps a journey of self-realization reflected in the compassionate eyes of Pramukh Swamiji, painting a delightfully open-hearted portrait of the fusion of spirituality, science and leadership. His candid vignettes from life on the centre stage of Indian technology and societal missions, Indian politics and world affairs are interwoven with revelations of a profound connection with Swamiji. He describes how his path has been illuminated by Swamiji's words and his inspirational, loving presence. Pramukh Swamiji, one of the most inspiring spiritual leaders of modern times and the fifth spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, is the inheritor of a legacy of enlightened gurus that goes back to the early nineteenth century. Pramukh Swamiji became, through a chance meeting, friend to one of India's most eminent citizens, the eleventh president of India, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and together they created an unparalleled fellowship of science and spirituality. Through the life of Pramukh Swamiji and the transnational work of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, Dr Kalam traces the contemporary concerns of the Indian diaspora across the world and the emerging Indian identity of a capable, right-thinking and hardworking people. Drawing from the lives of great scientists and creative leaders, Transcendence captures the essence of all religions and is as much a fountain of inspiration and a treasury of wisdom as it is a tribute to the multi-faith, pluralistic Indian society.

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Pramukh Swami Maharaj - A Unique Spiritual Personality (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj - A Unique Spiritual Personality is a concise publication in English that provides a glimpse of the essence of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's personality through inspiring incidents from his life. Each page reflects the depth of his unique relationship with humans, society and God. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's virtues of simplicity, honesty, compassion, selflessness, humility, service, devotion and many others are evident from his life. To possess an infinite resource of spirituality is a rare phenomenon; and to be graced by such a soul is the ultimate fruit of human existence. Like a river that flows naturally, nourishing and beautifying everything around it, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, too, inspired a world of happiness, confidence, courage, service and freedom in the lives of countless souls.

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Pramukh Swami Maharaj - 100 Inspiring Experiences (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj - 100 Inspiring Experiences contains 100 inspiring and enlightening experiences from the great life of Pramukh Swami Maharaj. These incidents will help one to understand and be guided to solve life's issues and challenges and to also experience peace and happiness, love for God and compassion for humanity. This work is a translation of the Gujarati publication, Shatdal Pramukh-Parimal

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Divine Discourses: The Wisdom of Pramukh Swami Maharaj (English)

Divine Discourses: The Wisdom of Pramukh Swami Maharaj is a selection of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's speeches on various topics, providing priceless spiritual insights, and inspiration towards nobler living and spiritual enlightenment. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's teachings resonated with deep spiritual insights, providing practical guidance and solutions to the problems of daily life. Listening to him or reading his discourses will evoke a feeling of intense inner peace - as if God was speaking directly through him.

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Satsang: Moments with Pramukh Swami (English)

Satsang: Moments With Pramukh Swami allows one to be with Pramukh Swami Maharaj, to meet him through his moments, real and natural as one would find them were one to see him in person. This publication brings one face to face with genuine feelings and exceptional experiences. It is not a book of intellectual interpretations, nor an album of creative visuals. It is spiritual art, a true and free expression of our love for a person who devoted his entire life for the good of others. And so, the purpose of this publication is not photography or poetry, not facts or figures, not adoration or admiration but understanding. If this helps one understand one moment of their life, then it is as good as understanding the whole.

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In The Good of Others (English)

In the Good of Others comprises four parts. Part 1 overviews the lofty legacy of forgiveness in Sanatan Dharma in the lives of avatars, mystics and Sadhu from ancient times. Part 2 discusses facets of forgiveness in the life of fifth Gunatit Satpurush, Brahmaswarup Pramukh Swami Maharaj Part 3 discusses how Swamishri taught and inspired the virtue of forgiveness in followers of BAPS as well as admirers to live in peace. Part 4 briefly examines several cases of societal forgiveness in which Swamishri strived at great length. Finally, the appendix sites references of forgiveness into Shastra of Sanatan Dharma.

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Swamishri-Our Best Friend

Swamishri - Our Best Friend discusses the spiritual impact of the company one keeps and emphasizes the benefits of choosing to maintain a personal inner relationship with the Satpurush.

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Letters to Pramukh Swami Maharaj

Letters to Pramukh Swami Maharaj : expressions of affection, Appreciation and Admiration is a special anthology of some of the letters which provides a profound and personal insight into the unique guru-shishya bond between Pramukh Swami Maharaj and his devotees, and the integral roll he played in the daily lives of countless.

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Faith, Humility and Service - Part 1

Faith, Humility and Service is a book published in a two parts, reveals the many features of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's multi-faceted and inspirational life. It is published under the auspices of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's centenary celebrations, consisting of 70 articles written by BAPS Sadhu and youths. The articles are categorized into 8 sections: Reflections of Sadguru Swamis, With God and Guru, Divinity, Saintliness, Humility, Love and Compassion, Care and Equality, and Leadership and Management.

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Faith, Humility and Service - Part 2

Faith, Humility and Service is a book published in a two parts, reveals the many features of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's multi-faceted and inspirational life. It is published under the auspices of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's centenary celebrations, consisting of 70 articles written by BAPS Sadhu and youths. The articles are categorized into 8 sections: Reflections of Sadguru Swamis, With God and Guru, Divinity, Saintliness, Humility, Love and Compassion, Care and Equality, and Leadership and Management.

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Five Ascetical Vows of Pramukh Swami Maharaj

This booklet discusses the five ascetical vows in the life of Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

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Ideal Devotion

The booklet Ideal devotion provides an overview of the profound bhakti of Pramukh Swami Maharaj towards Bhagwan Swaminarayan.

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This is The Brahmic State

In times of insult and honour, success and failure, pain and joy, Pramukh Swami Maharaj always remained unruffled and blissful. He was forever absorbed in God and in serving humanity. The Bhagavad Gita hails this extraordinary state of equanimity as the Brahmic state. This booklet This Is The Brahmic State provides an overview of the profound saintly and selfless service of Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

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For the joy of Others

For the Joy of Others : Pramukh Swami Maharaj Hands-on Project Management narrates the stories of two dams - the Narmada Dam and Machchhu Dam. It describes the personal support Pramukh Swami Maharaj extended to overcome the struggles and challenges faced in building the Narmada Dam and the help he mobilized in the devastating aftermath of the machchhu Dam collapse. These stories provide a special insight into Pramukh Swami Maharaj's hands-on management skills.

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In Love, at Ease: Everyday Spirituality with Pramukh Swami

In Love, At Ease: Everyday Spirituality with Pramukh Swami published by Penguin Randomhouse India presents a unique take on the life of a guru who was one of the most renowned spiritual masters and social reformers of his time. It is intimate, real, and relatable. It weaves together interactions of thousands of people from diverse communities and nations to highlight the timelessness and universality of the spiritual lessons from the guru's life. The author peppers the book with several of his own interactions while growing up, learning, faltering, and standing back up in the guru's presence. This encourages the reader to reflect on his or her own time with the spiritual master. It is a personal, heartfelt recollection that does not just belong to the author, but to the millions of people who had felt Pramukh Swami's humanly divine presence over the past 100 years and will continue to do so for generations to come. The book shares scores of unheard incidents from the guru's life. The book is a perfect read for those who want to learn more about Pramukh Swami's life and at once for those who want to learn about everyday spirituality from a guru, who was the epitome of love, service, humility, inclusiveness, and easy, accessible spirituality. The book was written upon instruction from His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, who has penned the Foreword.

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Akshardham Photo Book Delhi

This pictorial publication introduces Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Delhi, India that is an architectural wonder, a divine temple dedicated to Bhagwan Swaminarayan, an eighteenth century Hindu spiritual luminary revered as God by millions. The beautiful temple, adorned with over two hundred intricately carved pillars, nine ornate domes, and twenty thousand statues of great sadhus and devotees, is the centerpiece of an immersive cultural experience. Swaminarayan Akshardham, New Delhi captures the highlights of this immersive experience, including the beautiful Akshardham temple, the accompanying exhibitions and their timeless messages. Short descriptions of different facets of the complex alongside sweeping views of the campus adorn each page. This book is the ideal travel guide for anyone looking to experience Swaminarayan Akshardham, New Delhi from the comfort of his or her reading chair or on the next flight to New Delhi.

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Apples of Gold (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj's spiritual discourses have enlightened and inspired countless people with the truths and wisdom of Sanatan Dharma and the teachings of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Apples of Gold portrays some of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's outstanding messages translated into English and Hindi. They deal with a variety of subjects related to prayer, happiness, character, peace, bad company, satsang, glory of God, guru and others.

109 Mandir: Faith, Form, Function (English)

Mandir: Faith, Form, Function provides a concise, illustrated overview of the mandir. It also reveals how faith gave rise to its elaborate forms, which in turn has enabled functions that reinforce faith to enable countless souls to realize the Divine. Mandirs represent the devotional heart of Hinduism. Their development over the millennia from simple thatch huts to ornate, majestic stone monuments symbolizes the ever-flourishing faith in God of the Hindus. Every aspect of a mandir's form is linked to God and functions to enhance a devotee's experience of and faith in the Divine.

110 Footprints Part 1 (English)

Footprints - Part 1, illustrated with excellent colour sketches, is a collection of true stories of 26 great sadhus and devotees of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. The annals of the Swaminarayan Sampradaya are decorated with the 'footprints' of numerous great sadhus and devotees. Their stories inspire all spiritual seekers to follow their 'footprints'. Full of faith, devotion, service, and sacrifice, the lives of these sadhus and devotees form lasting impressions on the landscape of Satsang. The wide variety of backgrounds from which they came is a testimony to the universal appeal of Bhagwan Swaminarayan's divine personality and spiritual messages. That all of them were able to experience the same ultimate bliss of God is indeed a tribute to Bhagwan Swaminarayan as a true spiritual master.

111 Gunatitanand Swami: His Life and Message (English)

Gunatitanand Swami: His Life and Message brings to life the profound wisdom and ideals of the first spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and captures his spiritual profundity and insight in a way that is accessible to readers of all backgrounds. Gunatitanand Swami (1785-1867 CE) was a great spiritual luminary in colonial India and the spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, a nineteenth-century spiritual leader venerated by millions. Gunatitanand Swami was also famous for his insightful discourses and spiritual wisdom. Indeed, his saintly life and discourses have inspired and uplifted countless souls with the nectar of divine knowledge. These teachings offer practical, accessible, and applicable spiritual advice. The first half of this book consists of five essays written by different Hindu monks describing various facets of Gunatitanand Swami's inspirational life. The second half of this book contains a selection of almost 300 of Gunatitanand Swami's pithy, penetrating insights into the human condition, spirituality and the universal quest for inner peace. These bite-sized insights, categorized by topic, are culled from a larger collection which has inspired millions for more than 150 years. The inspirational life and enlightening words of Gunatitanand Swami have acted as a beacon for generation after generation of spiritual aspirants.

112 Basic Concepts of Swaminarayan Satsang

Basic Concepts of Swaminarayan Satsang is a brief introduction to the fundamentals of Swaminarayan Sampradaya. The fundamentals of the Swaminarayan Sampradaya have their basis in Hindu tradition and philosophy. The basic concepts of service, tolerance, glory of the Sadhu, faith, love for God, doer-ship of God, supremacy of God, ever-presence of God, Aksharbrahman and many more, form the core of Swaminarayan philosophy and practice. Each of the 25 chapters explicates a fundamental concept of Swaminarayan Satsang, first through relevant quotations of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and the gurus in the scriptures and then through illustrative incidents selected from the Sampradaya's history. The spiritual endeavours described in this book focus not on rituals and practices, but on the underlying spiritual understanding and realization necessary to make the external practices more profound and fruitful.

113 Swaminarayan Sampraday (English)

Swaminarayan Sampradaya traces Bhagwan Swaminarayan's manifestation and message through his spiritual successors. In 1781, Bhagwan Swaminarayan incarnated in northern India. During his short life of 49 years, he re-established the pristine Dharma rooted in the Vedas and other ancient Hindu scriptures. This book overviews his monumental efforts to elevate the human spirit. A special section concisely details the practical spiritual endeavours He advocated to all for realising Bhagwan. The final section sketches the Pramukh Swami Maharaj's worldwide philanthropic activities to promote peace, love and harmony.

114 Rajipo (English)

Rajipo includes various spiritual means to please God, explained and elaborated on the basis of Bhagwan Swaminarayan's revelations in the Vachanamrut. Relevant vignettes from the lives of devotees in the time of Bhagwan Swaminarayan lucidly unfold the different means to please God.

115 Expressions: Poems by Paramahansas of Bhagwan Swaminarayan (English)

Expressions: Poems by Paramahansas of Bhagwan Swaminarayan is a compilation of a selection of bhajans penned by saint-devotees expressing their devotion of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, their English translations and the captivating stories of the circumstances in which they were composed. Bhagwan Swaminarayan enthusiastically encouraged his devotees, both renunciants and householders, to express their spiritual sentiments through poetry. He viewed devotional hymns as a link between the mundane and the divine. Such was his inspiration that a distinguished cadre of paramahansas (renunciant) poets was established who composed thousands of bhajans (spiritual poems) full of profound spiritual insights and experience. Their poetry is a living testimony of their spiritual affinity for Bhagwan Swaminarayan. At times, when instructed, but often spontaneously, the paramahansas would burst into song to capture their thoughts, observations and emotions. They have left a rich legacy of divine, spiritual poetry that continues to inspire and guide spiritual aspirants to the present day.

116 Renunciation, Reform & Women in Swaminarayan Hinduism (English)

Renunciation, Reform and Women in Swaminarayan Hinduism is an intellectually rigorous attempt to explore Swaminarayan Hinduism's institution of monasticism and its approach to women. It does so by providing context to understand and appreciate the Swaminarayan tradition's brand of monasticism, focusing on the founding principles of the tradition, and in particular on the meaning and significance of celibacy for its ascetics and the status of women in Hinduism. The book explains how in the early 19th century, Bhagwan Swaminarayan reintroduced the Hindu practice of eight-fold celibacy for his sadhus; thus reconstituting the institution of Hindu asceticism. He established certain boundaries between ascetics and women and between men and women in the context of religious activities. And the way he established them created grounds for women's dignity and independence in an intrinsic sense. He worked out strategies by which Hindus could reclaim their religion and live in accord with its noblest aspirations. Ultimately, this thorough, broad and well-researched book provides a compelling answer to those curious about the movement's attitude towards women.

117 Hindu Womanhood

Hindu Womanhood is a collection of inspiring stories of forty-seven Hindu women. Drawn from the Upanishadic period to modern times, these women share the pages of this book for the same reason: their exemplary lives reflect Hinduism's values and serve as role models for younger generations. This place provides an insight for those curious about how Hinduism has understood and valued women. It introduces the reader to Hindu queens who ruled kingdoms and led armies into war and female sages who studied the Vedas, the sacred texts of Hinduism, and strove to realize God. Well-known female devotees like the gopis are found alongside Bhagwan Swaminarayan's female devotees, whose profound devotion is introduced to the English-speaking world. This book provides Hindu women an opportunity to tell their stories, to share how their culture views them and what they aspire to.

118 Pramukh Swami Maharaj and Akshar Mandir (English)

Pramukh Swami Maharaj and Akshar Mandir is a short compilation of incidents linking Pramukh Swami Maharaj with the Akshar Deri and Akshar Mandir in Gondal. The Akshar Deri and Akshar Mandir in Gondal are sacred pilgrimage venues with an enduring connection to Brahmaswarup Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Building upon the tireless endeavors of Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj, Pramukh Swami Maharaj continued to spread the glory of these pious places. Not only are these holy landmarks of Gondal of great historic importance, but their divine ambience continues to provide countless people with tremendous spiritual comfort and inspiration. Every inch of the mandir campus is vibrant with memories of Pramukh Swami Maharaj and this small collection of stories reveals how dear Gondal was to Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

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Gujarati Geet Mala

Gujarati Geet Mala is an interesting and lucid medium through which toddlers, adolescents and emerging youths can learn Gujarati in a quick and swift manner. Through pleasing songs, enchanting poems, and lyrical beauty, Gujarati Geet Mala familiarizes the Gujarati learning aspirants with the Gujarati language. Those who wish to learn Gujarati at an early age must resort to this audio to enhance their language and sharpen their linguistic skills.

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A Millennial Moment (Abu Dhabi Mandir)

"A Millennial Moment" is an enchanting exploration into the heart of BAPS Hindu Mandir, capturing the essence of spirituality, culture and community within its sacred walls. This book unveils the timeless traditions and modern resonance of this cherished sanctuary. Readers embark on a journey through the intricate architecture, resplendent artistry, and serene ambience of the Mandir, immersing themselves in its rich tapestry of devotion and reverence. From the majestic spires reaching towards the heavens to the intricate marble carvings depicting ancient tales, each page breathes life into the Mandir's profound significance. "A Millennial Moment" celebrates the universal values of love, compassion, and unity that resonate across generations and cultures, fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness in an ever-changing world. As a tribute to the enduring legacy of BAPS Hindu Mandir, this book serves as a beacon of inspiration and enlightenment, inviting readers to pause, reflect, and embrace the timeless wisdom it imparts. Whether a devotee, a seeker, or an admirer of beauty and spirituality, "A Millennial Moment" is a testament to the enduring power of faith and the boundless potential of the human spirit.

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Hindu Rights & Rituals

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Murti Puja in Sanatan Dharma (English)

Murti puja is the worship of one supreme reality through his many avatars, in the form of murtis - sacred images. The avatar and rishis of Sanatan Dharma have advocated murti puja since ancient times. It is practised by a billion Hindus globally. The first section in this book cites in the principles of murti puja, its beliefs, rituals and traditions. It also overviews the development of exquisite murti art over the ages and the worship of Hindu deities beyond Bharat. The second section traces the history of murti puja in the swaminarayan samprdaya from the time of its founder, Bhagwan Swaminarayan inter early 19th century and have it continuous through his spiritual successor to the present day. One special chapter discusses questions about murti puja by children and people living outside india.

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Hindu Festivals (English)

Hindu Festivals - Origin, Sentiments and Rituals presents two different facets of festivals. The first is on 'Hindu Festivals', for all followers of Sanatan Dharma. It depicts how the seasonal cycle of festivals and parvas blend with the daily life of Hindus, and how they inextricably link nature, dharma and vocation. The second facet, 'BAPS Swaminarayan Festivals', informs how some of these festivals are celebrated by BAPS followers, and yet still retain and bring back the flavour of old established traditions of Hindu festivals. This book conveys the purpose of festivals and the associated devotional rituals concerning puja of Paramatma and the deities related to festivals. It inspires Hindus to imbibe principles of dharma and bhakti latent in the festivals and consolidates their self- esteem and culture identity, spiritual strength and above all, faith in Parmatma.

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Vegetarianism - A Hindu Perspective (English)

Vegetarianism: A Hindu Perspective is a concise overview of the health, environmental, economic and spiritual benefits of adopting a vegetarian diet. This book evaluates vegetarianism from the perspectives of science as well as Hinduism and argues that a vegetarian diet has physical, spiritual, social, and economic implications. This book also lays down positive health benefits of adopting a vegetarian diet from a medical perspective too, there are. Spiritual adherence to non- violence supports vegetarianism, pledging to show compassion to all living being. The book also argues that when a vegetarian life style is adopted, it unmistakably has a rippling effect in the community at large.

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HINDUISM - 1

Hinduism is a grand mosaic of many denominations, philosophies, rituals, festivals, temples, holy places, sadhus and scriptures. Thus, it is often referred to by many scholars as a family of religions. Within these rich diversities, one can perceive common threads that bind Hinduism into a fascinatingly profound religion subscribed to by nearly one-sixth of humankind. Hinduism: An Introduction, informs readers about the spiritual, cultural and social heritage of Hinduism. It introduces the reader to Hinduism through many different lenses. As a great service to beginners and students, this book explores some of the most prominent philosophies and theologies, customs and traditions, scriptures and spiritual luminaries, avatars and deities, histories and geographies of the vast religion of Hinduism. Sadhu Vivekjivandas presents Hinduism from many different perspectives: he articulates Hindu conceptions of history and time; he explains the categories, role, and respect given to different scriptures; he even introduces the reader to prominent Hindus, ancient and modern, who were either great devotees or significant reformers. He addresses controversial, scholarly topics, such as the Aryan invasion theory, with well-researched, traditional Hindu views. At the same time, he holds the readers hands through a walk across India, where he points out Hinduism's sacred places and practices. His delicate balance of scholarly and lived Hinduism and of discussions of aesthetics and philosophy make this the perfect book for beginners and students of Hinduism. It contains over 700 beautiful color photographs and illustrations, and expansive, consisting of more than 700 pages over two volumes. Volume 1 features a brief history of Hinduism, the core beliefs of Hinduism, as well as exposition on sacred texts, various denominations, temples, holy men and women, sacred places and rivers, festivals, rituals, and sacred symbols and objects.

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HINDUISM - 2

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Turning Point: Enlightening Essays on Life, Part 2 (English)

Turning Point: Enlightening Essays on Life, Part 2, through its wide range of enlightening and empowering essays, seeks to awaken and elevate the readers to a higher level of knowledge, wisdom and spiritual living. This eclectic compilation of inspiring essays provides an opportunity to reflect upon and also introduce a change in our spiritual, social and health aspects of life.

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Rishis, Mystics & Heroes of India (English)

Rishis, Mystics and Heroes of India contains a compilation of forty-four short biographies of the great stream of teachers and mystics of India from ancient times to the early modern era. Among them are Panini, who systematized the rules of grammar for the Sanskrit language; Sushruta, a renowned Ayurvedic physician who performed the first ever cataract surgery; and, Bhaskara, who made important contributions to the fledgling field of calculus centuries before Newton. These individuals, along with many others through ancient Indian history, have historic accomplishments and incredible stories that have remained largely untold. The book spotlights stories of the sages Veda Vyas, the author of many thousands of verses of Hindu sacred texts, and Charak, the famed Ayurvedic physician. Not only does the author introduce us to ancient India's great mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers, but he also takes us inside the lives of some of India's greatest mystics. We meet Narsinh Mehta, whose divine vision has produced thousands of poetic verses still sung today; Surdas, a blind poet who wrote beautiful verses describing the play of the Lord; and Kabir, whose harmonious blend of Hinduism and Islam resonates in his every verse. This publication is beautifully illustrated and masterfully researched, with the author referencing over 115 scholarly books and journals and 27 Hindu scriptures to provide the reader with the most detailed and authentic portrait possible. Overall, Rishis, Mystics, and Heroes of India is an excellent introduction to an accomplished and sublime set of characters.

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Swaminarayan Akshardham: Making & Experiences

Swaminarayan Akshardham: Making & Experiences narrates the exciting story behind the making of Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Delhi. Swaminarayan Akshardham is the vision of Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj and the creation HDH Pramukh Swami Maharaj. This book features interesting facts and figures and inspiring stories of the volunteers who helped to build this unique monument. It also contains details of the many structures, displays and exhibitions spread throughout the complex. An essential guidebook and memoir of one's visit to Swaminarayan Akshardham. It is also full of exclusive photographs and behind-the-scenes inspirations.

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For Me, My Family and Friends (English)

The words of the great and experienced provide a beacon of light to guide us all through the minefield of life. Reflective Quotations published in this pocket sized edition For Me, My Family and Friends is an excellent collection of 201 quotations that will guide and inspire people of all ages to tackle everyday issues and reach their true potential in life.

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Inspirations (English)

Human life is a fascinating mosaic of celebrations, honours, joys, struggles, fears and failures. Inspirations deals with golden values and much needed guidance for students and youths. Each page deals with a single message. Some of the 51 topics dealt with in the book are: Your Mother and Father, True Friendship, You Are Special Set Goals, The Value of Respect, Learn to Forgive, Keep Good Company, Develop Good Habits, Preparing for Examinations, Learn to Think Logically, Dealing with Problems, Tackle Bullying, Faith in God, The Value of Play, etc.

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Hinduism: FAQs (English)

Hinduism is often compared to a bouquet of flowers, where each flower adds its own colour, fragrance and individuality to coalesce into a wonderful and vibrant religion. A compendium of the most frequently asked questions about the Sanatan Dharma or Hinduism, Hinduism FAQs is sourced from Hinduism: An Introduction published by Swaminarayan Aksharpathi. With 18 new additional questions, the book satisfies the reader's enquiries about Hinduism. In all, 88 questions and answers have been succinctly presented with illustrations. The questions have been categorized as follows Hinduism, Hindus, Beliefs & Practices, Rituals, Why?, Sacred Trees and Plants, and, finally, Swaminarayan Hinduism.

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Hinduism: Sacred Texts (English)

Hinduism, Sacred Texts is mainly sourced from Hinduism, An Introduction Part 1 published by Swaminarayan Aksharpathi. This publication briefly informs the reader about the Vedas, Upanishads, Dharma Shastras, Agams, Purans, Itihasa, Vedic Literature and Sciences. The three additional chapters in this book are on Vachnamrut (spiritual teachings of Bhagwan Swaminarayan), FAQs and reflections of scholars on the Hindu sacred texts.

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Hinduism: Beliefs & Impressions (English)

The plurality in Hinduism has often been compared to a bouquet of flowers and a salad bowl. The discrete contents of a bouquet or a salad bowl combine together to form a single product. Similarly, the multiplicity of beliefs, practices, sampradayas, etc. all make up to produce a single, fascinating spiritual canvas called Hinduism. Hinduism: Beliefs & Impressions deals with the basic principles of Hinduism and the beliefs of a Hindu. For a Hindu unacquainted with the rudiments of Sanatan Dharma, this book will not only enlighten but also breathe meaning to the practices and beliefs he or she follows. For those curious about Hinduism the book will serve to inform and also facilitate in gaining a better understanding of Hinduism. The reader will get a bird's-eye view of the different aspects that comprise Hinduism.

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Hinduism : Shad Darshanas and Sampradayas (English)

Hinduism, Shad Darshanas and Sampradayas deals concisely with the six main Indian philosophies (Shad Darshana), Vedantic schools, and the four main branches of Hinduism. In Hinduism, the various schools of philosophical and theological thoughts are known as Darshanas. Darshan refers to direct spiritual perception and realization of the essence of all things. In the Hindu tradition, there are primarily six orthodox (Astika) Darshanas or known as Shad Darshana, namely, Sankhya, Yoga, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Purva Mimamsa, and Uttara Mimamsa (Vedanta). The four main religious branches or sampradayas of Hinduism are Vaishnavism, Shaivism, Shaktism, and Smartism. They all believe in the transcendental Reality, the Vedas as the supreme authority and moksha as the ultimate goal of the life.

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Hinduism: One God or Many 'God'? (English)

Hinduism: One God or Many 'God'? deals concisely with the different manifestations of Paramatma on earth, their purpose and function. The principle ten avatars of Bhagwan Vishnu and other deities have been elaborated upon. The book also deals with three important pillars of Hinduism: Mandir (places of worship), Shashtra (sacred texts), and Sant (God-realized guru). Since millennia Sanatan Dharma or Hinduism has had a fascinating tradition of worshipping many deities. The divine manifestation of Bhagwan Rama, Krishna, Shiva, Swaminarayan, Ganeshji, Hanuman, Lakshmi, Parvati, Sarasvati, and many others that form the Hindu pantheon are worshipped with profuse devotion and reverence by countless Hindus.

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Hinduism: Sacred Places and Holy Rivers

Hinduism: Sacred Places and Holy Rivers provides brief information on many pilgrim places and holy rivers of India. Learning about them inspires pride for Hinduism's rich spiritual legacy and provides joy and inner peace. For millennia, the Hindu tradition of pilgrimage to holy places and rivers (tirthas) of India embraces the aspirations for inner purification, strengthening of faith and encountering the divine for liberation. Tirthas or sacred places are where the divine encounters the temporal, the higher realms touch the lower, or the sacred meets the mundane. India is also a land of numerous holy rivers where Hindus take a dip to dissolve their sins and be blessed with spiritual merits. India has thousands of sacred places and holy rivers that owe their sanctity to the avatars of God and enlightened spiritual masters who were either born there or had visited them. India's sacred places and holy rivers spiritually invigorate and purify countless pilgrims.

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Hinduism: Festivals, Rituals & Symbols (English)

Hinduism - Festivals, Rituals & Symbols deals concisely with the major celebrations, rituals and symbols. This pocket-size publication comprises of three comprehensive chapters that inform interested readers about an important and vibrant facet of Hinduism. Celebrations are a delightful expression of joy universal to all people. They help to enhance social harmony and unity, and also elevate souls towards God-realization. In particular, Hindu festivals engage the spiritual aspirant with God. Secondly, the various rituals of aarti, darshan, anivedeyam, nama japa, dandvat, yajna and other orientate the senses and mind towards devotion to God, evoking divine feelings, noble thoughts and inner peace. Lastly, sacred symbols and objects like Aum, swastika, shalagrama, Shivalinga, deepa, arati, conch and other also facilitate one's mind and senses to focus on the Divine. Read this concise publication for getting a comprehensive understanding about the major festivals, rituals and symbolism of the Hindu tradition.

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Hinduism: Sadhana, Great Devotees & Rishi Scientists (English)

Hinduism: Sadhana, Great devotees & Rishi Scientists seeks to enlighten readers about the rudiments of Hindu sadhanas, diet and company, iconic devotees and the rishi-scientists of India. An aspirant who rigorously engages himself in spiritual sadhanas attains moksha. The Sadhanas purify the aspirant by dissolving one's material desires (vasanas) and the base natures (swabhavas). The intense sadhanas of Nachiketa, Dhruva, Prahlada, Shabri, Andal, Mirabai, and others have forever become etched in the spiritual history of India. The book also provides logical, analytical and practical explanation about the scientific inventions and discoveries made by the great rishi-scientists of India.

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Hinduism: Hindu Perceptions, Ways of Life and Reformers

Hinduism: Hindu Perceptions, Ways of Life and Reformers enlightens interested readers about Hindu perceptions, the Hindu way of Life, Hindu reformers, Varnashrama Dharma and the Swaminarayan Sampradaya. The social, moral and spiritual principles of Hinduism are inextricably rooted in its tradition, philosophy, religion and practices. The Hindu perceptions on atma (soul), God's pervasiveness, appreciating nature, tolerance and the ideal of one global family have earned Hinduism universal respect and praise. For millennia, the Hindu way of life and Hindu reformers have ideally shaped the character of Hindus and society respectively.

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Hindu Funeral Rites: Antyeshti Sanskar (English)

Hindu Funeral Rites: Antyeshti Sanskar describes the last rites a Hindu performs of a loved one. The post-death and cremation rites are described along with their meaning and impact on the soul of the departed. The book is structured so that a Hindu of any denomination or community can read it and perform the necessary rituals upon the death of their loved one. Alternatively, the book can be read at any time simply to understand pre- and post-death rituals according to Hindu scriptures and traditions. Written by Sadhu Shrutiprakashdas, one of India's foremost scholars of Sanskrit and Hindu scriptures, this book aims to lucidly convey the correct, scripturally-sanctioned rites for a loved one's final departure. It is aimed primarily for Hindus in the diaspora or other places where access to elders familiar with Hindu funeral rites is rare. The sixteen sanskars or Hindu sacraments are religious rites that mark important milestones in an individual's life -from conception and birth to death. The Hindu sanskars focus on the spiritual elevation of the soul through education, cultivation and refinement of life. Max Mueller said that the sixteen sanskars satisfied "the deep- rooted tendencies in the heart of man to bring the chief events of human life into contact with a higher power, and to give our joys and sufferings a deeper significance and a religious sanctification."

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Story of Nachiketa (English)

Nachiketa, perhaps the only child to visit the underworld of Yamalok alive, is an inspiration for his quest of spiritual wisdom. His intellectual discussions with Yama borne out of genuine curiosity for attaining spiritual knowledge hallmark a pioneering and perpetual Hindu tradition of understanding life's purpose through fruitful dialogues and faithful conversations. The Sat-Chit-Anand Watershow at Swaminarayan Akshardham in Gandhinagar encapsulates the essence of this valuable history through modern technology. This book helps transport you from today's modern world of information to the ancient world of Hindu wisdom. The tale immerses you in the world of Nachiketa and further transports you to the realm of death with him. The messages unravel the mystery of this history through virtual depiction of cutting-edge technology and modern art. This guide will help better to understand the applauded water show and experience at last the world of Sat-Chit-Aand.

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Vivah Samskar

Vivah Samskar (Hindu Marriage Rites and Sentiments) is an invaluable handbook for marital peace.

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My Personal Mala

Seeking the divine is a life-long endeavour. For this, Hindus daily chant the name of god while using amala. This strengthens their connection with the divine and brings piece of mind and inner joy. But what is a mala how and why is it used? This booklet My Personal Mala: My Daily Companion provides some basic answers and guidance

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Bal Prakash (PSM100)

During Pramukh Swami Maharaj centennial celebrations, one of the most memorable parts of Shatabdi was Bal Nagari. That's because it was made just for children to help them learn about Pramukh Swami Maharaj and his values. A special edition of Bal Prakash is published which covers all memorable events and pictures of Bal Nagari.

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The Shrimad Bhagavad Gita

The Shrimad-Bhagavad-Gita is a widely revered and influential scripture of Hinduism, forming part of the Mahabharat, which tells the story of a great war between two royal families. It recounts a dialogue between warrior Arjun and his mentor, Bhagwan Krishna, who delivers a profound discourse on various topics, including the nature of the self, liberation, duty, and one's relationship with the Divine. The Gita's teachings have had a profound impact on Hinduism and continue to be studied and applied by people of all backgrounds. This English translation aims to make its teachings more accessible and to encourage its reading and reflection

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If Stones Could Sing..

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Bhagwan Swaminarayan Life & Work -1 (English)

Bhagwan Swaminarayan (1781-1830) established the now worldwide Swaminarayan Sampradaya, teaching the unique Akshar-Purushottam Darshan doctrine which enlightens and provides a practical path of spirituality that leads all genuine aspirants to ultimate liberation. Learn about Bhagwan Swaminarayan's inspiring life, work and teachings through the book Bhagwan Swaminarayan Life & Work.

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Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami: Life and Work - Part 1

Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami: Life and Work - Part 1 is the first volume of a meticulously researched, extensive biography of the exemplary life and selfless works of the first spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Born in the rustic village of Bhadra, in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat, Mulji Sharma was exceptional from young age. Due to a sharp mind, diligent endeavours and deep understanding of all things spiritual, he was respected by all. His innate detachment from worldly life was evident in his every deed and word. So, when he received a call from Bhagwan Swaminarayan to renounce and become a sadhu, he did not hesitate. At the conclusion of the historic yagna in Dabhan in 1866, Bhagwan Swaminarayan initiated Mulji Sharma into the sadhu- fold and named him Gunatitanand Swami. He also identified Gunatitanand Swami as the manifest form of Aksharbrahman, his divine abode and ideal devotee. Gunatitanand Swami went on to reveal the glory of Bhagwan Swaminarayan as supreme God, and he guided countless people to the heights of spirituality. His simple, saintly and humble life of devotion and service and the wisdom of his insightful discourses are beacons for all spiritual aspirants.

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Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami: Life and Work - Part 2

Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami: Life and Work - Part 2 is the second volume of a meticulously researched, extensive biography of the exemplary life and selfless works of the first spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Gunatitanand Swami served as the mahant to Junagadh mandir for over 40 years. From the outset, he established it as a centre of spiritual wisdom and excellence. Bhagwan Swaminarayan had instructed him to focus on imparting spiritual knowledge to all. So, in Junagadh and wherever he travelled, he constantly gave spiritual discourses, which included explaining the supreme glory of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. His talks, compiled and known as the Swamini Vato, were perceptive, candid and full of practical counsel. However, the most important reason they were effective, stirring aspirants of all backgrounds to spiritual action, was that he lived what he preached. Gunatitanand Swami's life was the embodiment of perfect spirituality. Through his exemplary life of devotion, humility, austerities, faith in God, worldly detachment and selfless service, he inspired countless people to experience the bliss of spiritual fulfilment.

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Brahmaswarup Shri Pragji Bhakta: Life and Work (English)

Brahmaswarup Shri Pragji Bhakta: Life and Work is a detailed biography of Brahmaswarup Pragji Bhakta, also known as Bhagatji Maharaj, the second successor in the illustrious spiritual tradition of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Pragji Bhakta's exemplary life of profound service, faith, obedience, devotion towards God and guru, and other sublime virtues reveals the ideal spiritual sadhana for all genuine aspirants determined to attain the highest state of spiritual realization. His life was full of trials, yet he remained steadfast in his faith, devotion and duties. He boldly proclaimed the glory of Bhagwan Swaminarayan as God and Gunatitanand Swami as the manifest form of Aksharbrahman. Since decades, his life, work and message have been a source of immense inspiration.

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Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj: Part 1 (English)

Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj: Part 1 is an extensive biography covering the first 63 years of Yogiji Maharaj's divine and inspirational life. Yogiji Maharaj's personal attendant and author of his six-volume biography, Sadguru Ishwarcharandas Swami, provides a glimpse of Yogiji Maharaj's divine life depicted in this book with the following words: "At every moment, the joy and divine ecstasy of Brahman had an opportunity to radiate across this earth through the travels of that unparalleled personality, that embodiment of flawlessness: Yogiji Maharaj. Even if the aggregate hardships, insults, and sufferings of humanity throughout history were to be borne all at once by this great being, their combined burden would still be unable to erase the glowing smile on his face. He was a being of limitless magnanimity, a flowing river of affection with no beginning or end. His residence stretched from the Divine abode to the hearts of hundreds of thousands. His existence was a delicious embodiment of servanthood and exaltation, renunciation and forbearance, service and devotion. His sweetness of speech was a melody of the bliss of Brahman, which, even after so many years, continues to reverberate in countless ears and hearts today. In the gloom of seemingly endless miseries, the poetry of this Gunatit being's life is a candle igniting the splendor of happiness - it is the very life force of humanity's awakening. Countless generations of youth have offered their hearts in veneration of this great soul's love, and yet their veneration remains incommensurate."