

ATTRACTIONS

AKSHAR HAAT



SOUVENIR SHOP

Available here are inspiring, enlightening and informative books, audio and video publications, mementos, gift items, worship items, Amrut Herbal Care medicines and other products.

PREMVATI FOOD COURT

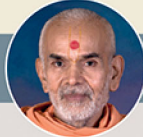


SWEET AND SAVOURY DELIGHTS

Premvati Food Court serves pure vegetarian delicacies and snacks. The restaurant has a cultural decor, serving north and south Indian favourites, and savoury Gujarati items.



INSPIRER & CREATOR



HH Pramukh Swami Maharaj was born on 7 December 1921, in Gujarat. He was the fifth spiritual successor in the spiritual tradition of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and head of BAPS. He embodied the universal Hindu ideals of faith, love, compassion and service to God and mankind. He inspired and consecrated over 1,200 mandirs in India and abroad and grand cultural complexes like Swaminarayan Akshardham in Gandhinagar and New Delhi. His social, educational and health services are hallmarks of selfless service to society. He initiated 1,000 sadhus in the service of God and society.

After the earthly departure of HH Pramukh Swami Maharaj in August 2016, HH Mahant Swami Maharaj succeeded him as the sixth spiritual guru and head of BAPS. He was born on 13 September 1933, in the city of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. Mahant Swami Maharaj earned the grace and blessings of his gurus Yogiji Maharaj and Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Out of his compassion for humanity, Mahant Swami Maharaj travels extensively to towns and cities in India and abroad. He guides the global socio-spiritual activities of BAPS, and inspires faith and character in devotees, children and youths.

Above all, his profound experience and realization of God is the essence of his divine lustre and inner joy.

BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

BAPS is a global socio-spiritual organization committed to the moral and spiritual uplift of mankind. It was established in 1907 CE by Brahaswarup Shastriji Maharaj in consonance with the Vedic teachings propagated by Bhagwan Swaminarayan (1781-1830 CE). The Sanstha's global network of over 1,200 mandirs, 4,550 Satsang centres and 18,000 weekly satsang assemblies (for children, youths and devotees) are perennial sources of moral, social, cultural and spiritual activities. The energies of the BAPS volunteer corps of 55,000 youths and over 1,000 sadhus are channelled towards a variety of philanthropic activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

**TIMINGS FROM TUESDAY TO SUNDAY
(CLOSED EVERY MONDAY)**

Mandir Darshan: 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Free)

- Darshan
- Swaminarayan Darshan
- Prasadi Mandapam

Mandir-Arti: 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Exhibitions: Entry from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Fees Apply)

Neelkanth Abhishek Mandapam: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Children's Park: 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Fees Apply)

Sat-Chit-Anand Water Show: After sunset (Fees Apply)

Premvati Food Court: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Fees Apply)

Timings are subject to change without prior notice under exceptional circumstances.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED

- Photography, videography
- Mobile phones, cameras, radios and other electronic items
- Food and drink from outside
- Bags and other luggage
- Smoking, alcohol, tobacco and addictive substances
- Improper, disrespectful attire
- Abusive language
- Pets

We apologize for any inconvenience.

HUMBLE REQUEST

Your visit to Swaminarayan Akshardham is a pilgrimage to a sacred centre of India's cultural traditions and values. We request your support to maintain the peace, dignity and divinity of the complex.

The Management reserves all rights to entry.



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SWAMINARAYAN

Akshardham

GUJARAT, INDIA

Welcome to Swaminarayan Akshardham, a unique complex of Indian Culture. It beautifully showcases Indian art, wisdom, heritage and values as a tribute to Bhagwan Swaminarayan (1781-1830 CE), a torchbearer of Indian Culture. Set in a 23-acre site, Swaminarayan Akshardham was inaugurated on 30 October 1992.

Inspired and created by Pramukh Swami Maharaj, it radiates peace, beauty, joy and divinity.



DARSHAN

FOOTPRINTS



The holy footprints of Bhagwan Swaminarayan are placed at the entrance in memory of his incarnation on earth. They are carved out of white marble and bear the 16 sacred signs of God. Water is

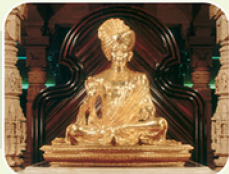
continuously showered on them from four auspicious conch shells in tribute to his inspiring life and work.

AKSHARDHAM MANDIR



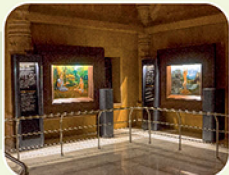
The focal point of the entire complex is the grand Akshardham Mandir, built of pink sandstone. Measuring 108 ft high, 131 ft wide and 240 ft long it features 97 intricately carved pillars, 17 magnificent domes, 8 ornate balconies and over 264 superbly sculpted figures. Built without using steel, it revives India's ancient architectural tradition. The Mandir is surrounded by beautiful lawns and the 514m-long *parikrama* garlands the Mandir.

HARI MANDAPAM



The central hall of the Mandir is known as Hari Mandapam. Seated in the centre of the Hari Mandapam is the serene, 7 ft-high, gold-leafed *murti* of Bhagwan Swaminarayan.

SWAMINARAYAN DARSHAN



The first floor of the Mandir is known as SWAMINARAYAN DARSHAN. From 1781 to 1830 CE Bhagwan Swaminarayan blessed this earth by his divine presence. SWAMINARAYAN DARSHAN relives his divine life through Exclusive Paintings.

PRASADI MANDAPAM



The Mandir basement is known as Prasadi Mandapam. The exhibition of the sacred relics of Bhagwan Swaminarayan in the Mandapam will forever remain a testimony to God's incarnation on earth.

EXHIBITIONS

HALL 1 & HALL 2: NEELKANTH & SAHAJANAND 45 Minutes

HALLS OF VALUES



An enlightening exhibition depicts Bhagwan Swaminarayan's life, work and message through audio-visual presentations, life-size dioramas and photographic displays.

HALL 3: MYSTIC INDIA 45 Minutes

GIANT SCREEN THEATRE



An interesting film vividly portrays the true story of an 11-year-old child-yogi, Neelkanth Varni. It was shot in 108 locations in India and features a cast of over 45,000 people. The film takes the viewers

on an exciting pilgrimage through the majestic Himalayas and India's sacred places, festivals, traditions and values.

HALL 4: PREMANAND 45 Minutes

HALL OF SPIRITUAL HERITAGE



The elevating eternal truths of Indian Culture are presented through elaborate settings and dioramas of scenes from the Upanishads, Ramayan and Mahabharat scriptures.



HALL OF HARMONY

Panels reveal the symbols, scriptures, pilgrim places, moral codes, and prayers of the major world religions. The Hall of Harmony inspires understanding and promotes peaceful coexistence.



SAINTLY POETS

This area honours some of the great Indian religious poets.

HALL 5: SANT PARAM HITKARI 15 Minutes

A superb audio-animatronics show brings to life the atmosphere, characters and events from over 200 years ago to reveal the key to eternal happiness.



NEELKANTH ABHISHEK MANDAPAM

SENTIMENTS OF ABHISHEK

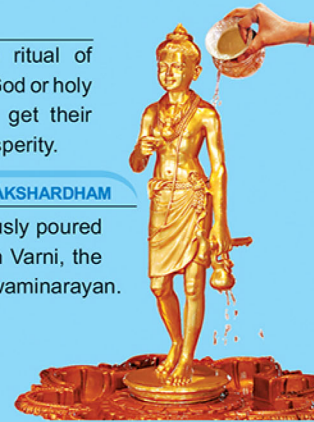
Abhishek is an ancient Indian ritual of pouring holy water upon murti of God or holy people to honour them and to get their blessings for inner peace and prosperity.

ABHISHEK AT SWAMINARAYAN AKSHARDHAM

Here sacred water is ceremoniously poured upon the murti of Shri Neelkanth Varni, the teenage-yogi form of Bhagwan Swaminarayan.

ABHISHEK PRAYERS

May this ritual fill our lives with his divine virtues of faith, fearlessness, humility, self-control, love and peace as well as fulfil our innermost prayers and wishes.



We Wonder What Happens...

when **fire flows** like **water** and **water flames** like **fire**
when **sounds** paint **pictures** and **colours** sing **songs**
when **clouds** come **down** and **rains** go **up**
when **lasers** begin to **crawl** and **rocks** begin to **melt**
when the **light** from the **past** illuminates
the **stars** of our **future**
when **science** and **spirituality** hold hands
time stops...the **mind** opens...and the **heart** prays...
amidst a mist of mysticism,
the great **Upanishads** come alive
and the ancient secret is **revealed**.



Duration : 45 Minutes

Timings : Every Evening after sunset (except Mondays)