

Time Line

*A chronology of important dates and events in the life of
Pramukh Swami Maharaj*

1921 to 1930

- 1921** **7 December (Magshar sud 8, VS 1978)**
Born in the village of Chansad near Vadodara, Gujarat; named Shantilal.
- 1929** **16 May (Vaishakh sud 8, VS 1986)**
Commences school.

1931 to 1940

- 1939** **7 November (Aso vad 11, VS 1995)**
Leaves home to become a sadhu.
- 1939** **22 November (Kartik sud 11, VS 1996)**
Initiation into parshad order by Shastriji Maharaj, Ahmedabad.
- 1940** **10 January (Posh sud 1, VS 1996)**
Initiated into sadhu order by Shastriji Maharaj at the Akshar Deri, Gondal;
named Narayanswarupdas Swami.
- 1939-1946** Sanskrit studies, vicharan with Shastriji Maharaj, various services in the
mandirs.

1941 to 1950

- 1943** Construction work of new mandir in Atladra.
- 1946-1950** Kothari of BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Sarangpur.
- 1950** **21 May (Jeth sud 4, VS 2006)**
Appointed as Pramukh (President) of Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam
Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) by Shastriji Maharaj, Ahmedabad.

1951 to 1960

- 1951** **10 May (Vaishakh sud 4, VS 2007)**
In Sarangpur, Shastriji Maharaj returns to Akshardham.
Yogiji Maharaj becomes spiritual guru of BAPS.
- 1953** **23 November to 18 December**
Shastriji Maharaj Special Train Yatra to North India with Yogiji Maharaj.
- 1959** **24 October to 3 July 1960**
Overseas Satsang Tour to East Africa with Yogiji Maharaj.

1961 to 1970

- 1961** **12 May**
Kalash Mahotsav, BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Gadhada. Yogiji Maharaj initiates 51 youths into the sadhu order.
- 1965** **6 February**
Shastriji Maharaj's Birth Centenary Celebrations, Atladra.
- 1967** **4 May**
Yogiji Maharaj's Amrut Mahotsav (75th birthday celebrations), Gondal.
- 1968** **27 November**
Pramukh Swami's 48th birthday celebrated in presence of Yogiji Maharaj, Mumbai.
- 1969** **22 April**
Murti-pratishtha in BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Bhadra by Yogiji Maharaj.
- 1970** **5 February to 7 July**
Overseas Satsang Tour to East Africa and the UK with Yogiji Maharaj.

1971 to 1980

- 1971** **23 January (Posh vad 11, VS 2027)**
In Mumbai, Yogiji Maharaj returns to Akshardham; cremation rites in Gondal.
Pramukh Swami Maharaj becomes spiritual guru of BAPS.
- 1971** **4 June (Jeth sud 11, VS 2027)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Sankari.

- 1972** **8 July**
Launch of annual Satsang Examinations.
- 1973** **3 December**
Kalash Mahotsav, Ahmedabad; initiation of 56 youths into sadhu order.
- 1974** **29 March to 3 January 1975**
Third overseas Satsang Tour: Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Mauritius.
- 1974** **4 August**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, New York.
- 1975** **19 October**
Inauguration of Yogi Smruti Mandir, Gondal.
- 1977** **4 June to 3 February 1978**
Fourth overseas Satsang Tour: UK, USA, Canada, S. Africa, Kenya, Tanzania
Mandirs consecrated in Leicester, Wellingborough, Ashton, New York, Dar-es-Salaam, Mwanza.
- 1979** **3 to 5 May**
Fifth overseas Satsang Tour: Nepal.
- 1980** **7 May to 11 December**
Sixth overseas Satsang Tour: Kenya, Tanzania, UK, USA, Canada, Africa.
- 1981 to 1990**
- 1980** **September**
Cataract operation, Boston.
- 1981** **7 March to 13 April**
Bhagwan Swaminarayan Birth Bicentenary Celebrations, Ahmedabad; 37-day festival. Initiation of 207 youths into sadhu- and parshad-order.
- 1981** **19 April**
Inauguration of Yagnapurush Smruti Mandir, Sarangpur.
- 1981** **8 September**

Gall bladder operation, Bombay.

- 1982** **18 to 25 March**
Seventh overseas Satsang Tour: United Arab Emirates.
- 1982** **31 March to 29 April**
Eighth overseas Satsang Tour: UK; Opening of new hari mandir in Neasden, London.
- 1983** **5 February**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj, aged 62, suffers heart attack, Sundalpora.
- 1983** **12 December**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Mumbai.
- 1984** **23 March to 4 October**
Ninth overseas Satsang Tour: Kenya, UK, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, USA, Canada, Fiji, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore. Mandirs consecrated in Preston (UK), Chicago and Los Angeles.
- 1984** **7 April 1984**
Meeting with Pope John Paul II, Vatican City.
- 1985** **20 March to 14 April**
10th overseas Satsang Tour: United Arab Emirates.
- 1985** **10 July to 22 August**
11th overseas Satsang Tour: UK; Cultural Festival of India, Alexandra Park, London (16 July to 18 August).
- 1985** **20 July**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj honoured in Suvarna Tula Mahotsav, QPR Stadium, London.
- 1985** **22 October to 19 December**
Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami Birth Bicentenary Celebrations, Ahmedabad. Initiation of 200 youths into sadhu- and parshad-order.
- 1987-1988** Cattle camps and famine relief activities in Gujarat.
- 1988** **7 April to 12 January 1989**
Twelveth overseas Satsang Tour: UK, France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland,

Austria, West Germany, Sweden, Norway, USA, Canada, Trinidad, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Mauritius.
Pramukh Swami Maharaj honoured in British and Canadian parliaments.
Mandirs consecrated in Atlanta and Houston.

- 1989** **22 to 26 May**
International Children's Convention (Adhiveshan), Vidyanagar; 15,000 children participated.
- 1990** **22 to 26 May**
International Youth Convention (Adhiveshan), Vidyanagar; 21,000 youths participated.
- 1990** **14 June to 12 November**
Thirteenth overseas Satsang Tour: UK, USA, Canada. Mandirs consecrated in Boston, Toronto, Birmingham (UK).

1991 to 2000

- 1991** **8 June to 18 October**
Fourteenth overseas Satsang Tour: UK, USA, Canada, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa. Mandirs consecrated in Edison, Eldoret, Kampala, Jinja, Johannesburg.
- 1991** **12 July to 11 August**
Cultural Festival of India, Edison, New Jersey, USA; Over 1 million visitors.
- 1991** **20 July**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj honoured in Platinum Tula Mahotsav, Edison, New Jersey.
- 1992** **30 August**
Inauguration of The Swaminarayan Independent Day School, Neasden, London.
- 1992** **30 October to 2 December**
Yogiji Maharaj's Birth Centenary Celebrations, Gandhinagar. Initiation of 125 youths into sadhu- and parshad-order.
- 1992** **2 November (Kartik vad 8, VS 2049)**
Inauguration of Swaminarayan Akshardham, Gandhinagar.

- 1993-1994** Relief and rehabilitation activities following earthquake in Latur, Maharashtra.
- 1994** **29 April to 1 October**
Fifteenth overseas Satsang Tour: UK, USA, Canada, Sweden, Czech Republic, Kenya. Mandirs consecrated in Orlando, Dallas, San Jose.
- 1994** **8 to 16 October**
International Youth Volunteers Convention, Vidyanagar.
- 1994** **10 December**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Mahesana.
- 1995** **15 July to 31 October**
Sixteenth overseas Satsang Tour: UK, Kenya, France, Germany, South Africa.
- 1995** **20 August**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden, London.
- 1995** **25 November to 31 December**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj's Amrut Mahotsav (75th birthday celebrations), Mumbai.
- 1996** **18 June to 6 November**
17th overseas Satsang Tour: USA, UK, Pacific, Far East – Adhiveshan at Catskill
- 1996** **7 December (Kartik vad 12, VS 2053)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Surendranagar.
- 1996** **16 December (Magshar sud 6, VS 2053)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Surat.
- 1997** **27 March to 25 April**
18th overseas Satsang Tour: Gulf Countries.
- 1997** **21 October to 11 November**
19th overseas Satsang Tour: UK.
- 1997** **9 November**
Received at St. James' Palace by HRH Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales.
- 1997** **10 November**

Welcomed at Buckingham Palace by HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

- 1997** **21 December (Magshar vad 7, VS 2054)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Navsari.
- 1998** **22 February (Maha vad 11, VS 2054)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nadiad.
- 1998** **4 July to 8 November**
20th overseas Satsang Tour: USA, UK, Africa.
- 1998** **7 July**
Swamishri undergoes heart bypass surgery, New York, USA.
- 1998** **26 November (Magshar sud 7, VS 2055)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Rajkot.
- 1999** **22 January (Maha sud 5, VS 2055)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mahelav.
- 1999** **31 July to 21 October**
21st overseas Satsang Tour: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa, Israel, Egypt. Mandir consecrated in Durban, South Africa.
- 1999** **29 August (Shravan vad 3, VS 2055)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nairobi.
- 1999** **15 December (Magshar sud 7, VS 2056)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Tithal.
- 2000** **9 June to 6 November**
22nd overseas Satsang Tour: USA, Canada, UK, France, Portugal.
- 2000** **8 July**
Guinness World Records recognize Pramukh Swami Maharaj as having constructed the most mandirs. In December 2007, total was 713 mandirs.
- 2000** **29 August**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj addresses the Millennium World Peace Summit of Spiritual Leaders at the United Nations, New York, USA.

2000 **4 October**
Meeting between Pramukh Swami Maharaj and President Bill Clinton, Florida, USA.

2000 **3 December (Magshar sud 7, VS 2057)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Anand.

2001 to 2010

2001 **6-25 April**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj's 23rd overseas Satsang Tour: Gulf countries.

2001 **18 May (Vaishakh vad 10, VS 2057)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sankari.

2001 **6 June**
Awarded Rotary International, Mumbai's highest accolade 'Service Above Self'.

2001 **21 July**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj and BAPS receive 'G.D. Birla International Award for Preservation of India's Heritage & Culture'. Presented by vice-president of India, H.E. Krishna Kant.

2001 **25 November (Kartik sud 10, VS 2058)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dholka.

200 **9 December (Kartik vad 9, VS 2058)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bharuch.

2002 **7 January**
Swaminarayan Mahamantra Bicentenary Celebrations, Gadhada.

2002 **17 January to 26 February**
24th overseas Satsang Tour: Asia-Pacific. BAPS Swaminarayan Mandirs consecrated in Perth, Sydney and Auckland.

2003 **6 February (Maha sud 5, VS 2059)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, New Delhi.

2004 **8 February**
50th anniversary of BAPS Bal Mandal. Celebration at Swaminarayan

Akshardham, Gandhinagar, in the presence of Pramukh Swami Maharaj and H.E. APJ Abdul Kalam, President of India. 20,000 children attended. Broadcast live to over 150 countries.

- 2004** **23 April to 29 October**
25th overseas Satsang Tour: UK, USA, Canada, Africa. Hari mandirs consecrated in Lenasia, South Africa and Gabarone, Botswana.
- 2004** **25 July (Adhik Shravan sud 8, VS 2060)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Houston.
- 2004** **8 August (Adhik Shravan vad 8, VS 2060)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Chicago.
- 2005** **5 October (Aso sud 3, VS 2061)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Jaipur.
- 2005** **6 November (Kartik sud 5, VS 2062)**
Public opening of Swaminarayan Akshardham, New Delhi, by Pramukh Swami Maharaj, H.E. President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh, Opposition Leader Shri L.K. Advani and Lt. Governor of Delhi Shri B.L. Joshi.
- 2006** **3 May (Vaishakh sud 6, VS 2062)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Junagadh.
- 2006** **19 May (Vaishakh vad 7, VS 2062)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bhavnagar.
- 2006** **18 October to 18 November**
26th overseas Satsang Tour: UK.
- 2007** **7 May to 16 October**
27th overseas Satsang tour: East Africa, USA, Canada, UK.
- 2007** **22 July (Ashadh sud 8, VS 2063)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Toronto, Canada.
- 2007** **26 August (Shravan sud 13, VS 2063)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Atlanta.

- 2007** **13-17 December**
Grand finale of BAPS Centenary Celebrations, Ahmedabad.
- 2008** **6 December (Magshar sud 8, VS 2065)**
Swamishri's 88th Birthday Celebration, Tithal.
- 2009** **31 December (Posh sud 15, VS 2065)**
Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami Diksha Bicentenary Celebration, Dabhan.
- 2009** **25 November (Magshar sud 8, VS 2066)**
89th Birthday Celebration, Bochasan.
- 2010** **3 April (Chaitra vad 5, VS 2066)**
Inauguration of Satchitanand Water Show, Gandhinagar.
- 2010** **19 May (Vaishakh sud 6, VS 2066)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bhadra.
- 2010** **28 May (Vaishakh vad 1, VS 2066)**
Murti-pratishtha of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Limbdi.
- 2010** **4 July (Jeth vad 7, VS 2066)**
Swamishri inaugurates the 'BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute', New Delhi.
- 2010** **10 July (Jeth vad 13, VS 2066)**
Swamishri performs first arti of the 30-foot high murti of Neelkanth Varni, New Delhi.
- 2010** **13 July (Ashadh sud 2, VS 2066)**
Swamishri performs the inaugural rituals of the new garbhagruh of Swaminarayan Akshardham, New Delhi.
- 2010** **13 December (Magshar sud 8, VS 2067)**
Swamishri's 90th Birthday Celebration, Mumbai.

2011 to 2020

- 2011** **12 March (Fagan sud 7, VS 2067)**
Swamishri performs the murti-pratishtha rituals of the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandirs in Godhra and Bodeli.

- 2011** **31 August (Bhadarva sud 3, VS 2068)**
In Mumbai, Swamishri performs shilapujan for the Mahamandir at Swaminarayan Akshardham, Robbinsville, USA.
- 2011** **2 December (Magshar sud 8, VS 2068)**
Pramukh Swami Maharaj's 91st Birthday Celebration, Mumbai.
- 2012** **16/17 January (Posh vad 8/9, VS 2068)**
Swamishri inaugurates the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of BAPS Youth Activities, established by Yogiji Maharaj in 1952.
- 2012** **5 June (Jeth vad 1, VS 2068)**
Swamishri inaugurates 'Akhil Bhartiya Yuva Adhiveshan' in Sarangpur, as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of BAPS Youth Activities.
- 2012** **15 June (Jeth vad 11, VS 2068)**
Swamishri has pacemaker implant, Ahmedabad.
- 2012** **5 July (Ashadh vad 2, VS 2068)**
In Ahmedabad, Swamishri performs murti-pratishtha of murtis for BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India.
- 2012** **22 July (Shravan sud 3, VS 2068)**
In Ahmedabad, Swamishri performs murti-pratishtha of murtis for BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Robbinsville, NJ, USA.
- 2013** **4 January**
Swamishri blesses Golden Anniversary Celebration of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Ahmedabad.
- 2013** **6 January**
Swamishri blesses celebration of BAPS Youth Activities Diamond Jubilee, in Ahmedabad.
- 2013** **7 February (Shravan sud 3, VS 2069)**
In Ahmedabad, Swamishri performs murti-pratishtha of murtis for BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Silvassa, Gujarat, India.
- 2013** **15 March (Fagan sud 4, VS 2069)**
In Ahmedabad, Swamishri performs murti-pratishtha of murtis for BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

