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Acharya Shree Purushottampriyadasji Swamishree Maharaj Departs this Mortal World

Acharya Shree Purushottampriyadasji Swamishree Maharaj, global leader of Maninagar Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan – the worldwide centre of spiritual, cultural and social progression – departed from this mortal world today [Thursday 16 July 2020]. Hundreds of Thousands of his followers around the world are observing an eleven-day period of remembrance and devotion in His honour.

Acharya Swamishree Maharaj manifested on 28 May 1942 in the small village of Bharasar in Kutch – Gujarat. He entered the Sant (Ascetic) fraternity in 1962 and swiftly became Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa's (then spiritual leader), personal aide, and his closest and most beloved ascetic disciple. On 28 February 1979, Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa appointed Acharya Swamishree Maharaj to be his heir and successor; fifth in the spiritual lineage of Lord Shree Swaminarayan. During His leadership, Acharya Swamishree Maharaj had presided over 200 spiritual, cultural and social progression establishments, including 30 Mandirs, around the world; UK, North America, Africa, Australia, UAE and all across India.

He travelled 2.3million kilometres from village to village, city to city, country to country. He did this to promote the values of Morality, spirituality, high thinking, simple living together with uplifting all in society. Whether it was sanctifying the homes of His disciples, lifting people out of addictions and vices, alleviating suffering and poverty, enabling education for those who do not have access to it, or breaking down the barriers between all strata of society; His compassion was without borders. His mission tirelessly put His own health and wellbeing being entirely aside for the benefit of others.

Acharya Swamishree Maharaj was not only a spiritual leader to many thousands of disciples all over the world, but also, he was regarded as the "ultimate humanitarian" for his assiduous charitable endeavours and campaigns to promote equality, social mobility, sustainability and world peace – which touched the lives of so many more in the wider community.

Acharya Swamishree Maharaj's remarkable endeavours have been recognised and commended by many global, faith, community, and thought leaders from around the world, resulting in him being awarded honorary titles such as 'World Peace Ambassador' by over 120 of the world's leading peace workers from over 30 different countries.

"Acharya Swamishree Maharaj may have willed to withdraw His mortal form from this world, but He is present and manifest at Shree Swaminarayan Gadi, and forever will be, through our divine spiritual lineage that stems from Lord Shree Swaminarayan Himself.

"His presence in the world was entirely selfless; he lived for humanity, and yes, His teachings will remain living. He has given us a superlative legacy of love, compassion and spiritual knowledge that can never be diminished. May we cherish that legacy, treasure those experiences, and live by the values He imbibed in us all."

Sadguru Shashtri Shree Jitendriyapriyadasji Swami, heir to Shree Swaminarayan Gadi.

Further details about Acharya Swamishree Maharaj, Maninagar Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan, and commemoration events, are available from www.SwaminarayanGadi.com