



BHAVNAGAR WOMAN FASTS FOR 180 DAYS, CM ATTENDS PARNA



4th September, 2019 In a record of sorts, Pinkiben Shah of Bhavnagar completed 180 days of fasting and was felicitated by CM Vijay Rupani at the parna. The only other person who achieved the feat in Gujarat was Ahmedabad-based Kinjal Shah. When CM Rupani learnt about this rare feat, he agreed to remain present at the parna, the day of completion of fast undertaken by Jain devotees. The chha maasi upvaas (six months of fasting and penance) is considered special in Jain religion as Lord Mahavir had undertaken this soul-testing fast twice during his lifetime.

Pinkiben broke her fast at the parna held in front of over 1,000 guests around noon. The CM fed

her moong water to break her fast. Rupani was accompanied by his wife Anjaliben, Minister Vibhavariben Dave, Bhavnagar MP Dr. Bhartiben Shiyal, Mayor Manharbhai Mori and other dignitaries. Pinkiben is a 42-year-old housewife and lives in Bhavnagar with her husband and two sons. She had only boiled water during the fast. Earlier, she has fasted for 68 days and 108 days. Abhishek Salot, an associate of Pinkiben, said she displayed no signs of fatigue in these 180 days.

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