

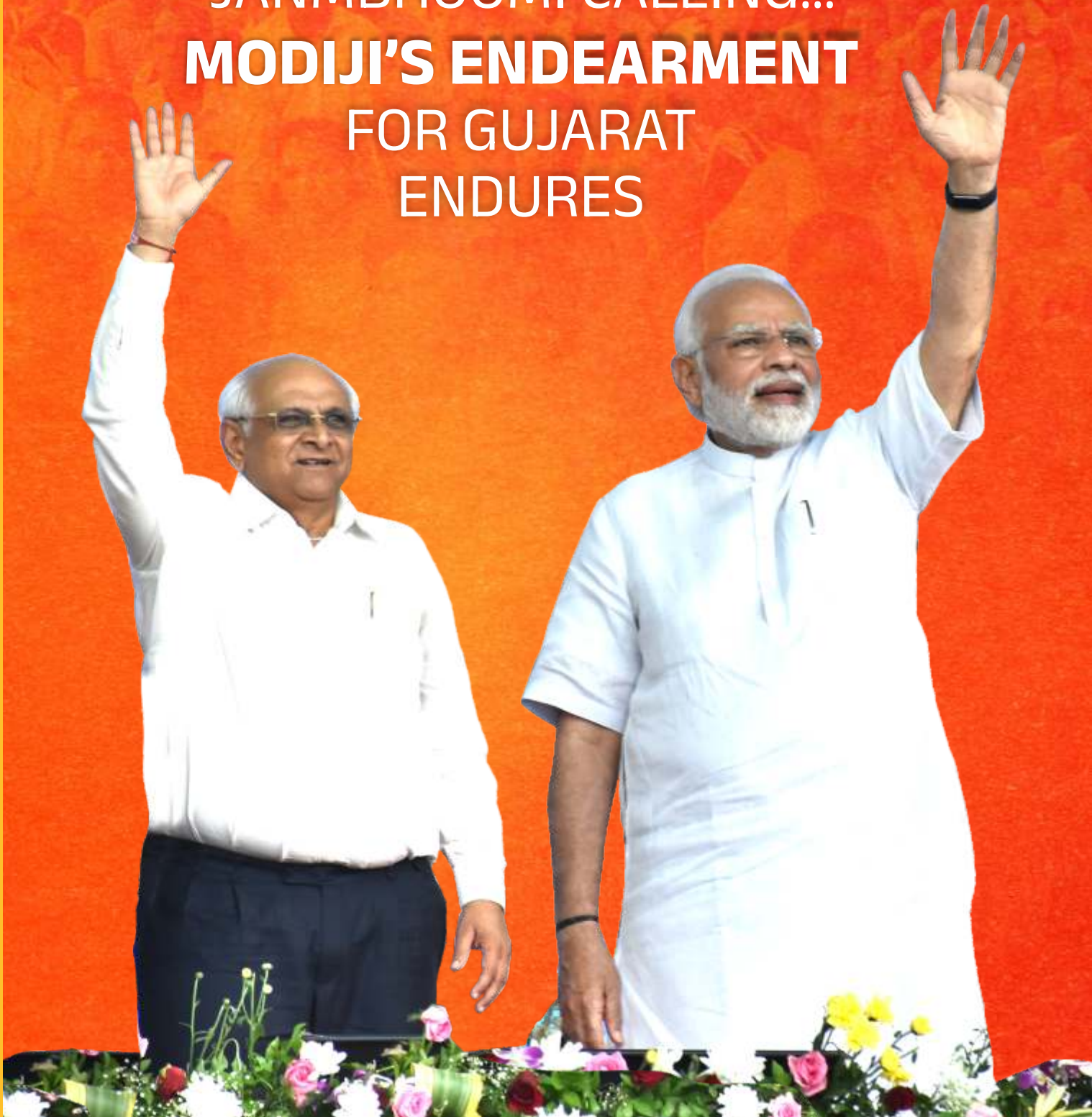
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## CM'S MESSAGE

Development is not just a word, but it is a Mahamantra. Honourable Prime Minister Shree Narendrabhai Modi has set the ground for Gujarat to emerge as a frontrunner on the path of the development across the nation. His four visits during the last three months reflect his special concern and affection for his home state, Gujarat. People of Gujarat have witnessed India's first ever 'Cooperative Summit Sahakar Thi Samruddhi' in his presence. He dedicated various pro-people schemes and developmental infrastructure facilities to people residing in different areas of the state.

Honourable Prime Minister Shree Modi offered his prayers by unfurling the flag at Shaktipith Pavagadh and prayed for the blessings of Goddess Kalika to serve people of the Nation. Gujarat has been leading in every front of the development. Citizens of the state have experienced result-oriented well planned and well organized developmental works which are based upon individual growth, rural development, and sector development. I convey my best wishes for the grand success of 'The Gujarat' magazine.

**BHUPENDRA PATEL**  
CHIEF MINISTER, GUJARAT



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## Education, Health and Security key factors in Development: CM

Addressing a two-day 'National Conference on School Education' organised by the Department of Education, Government of India and Department of Education, Gujarat at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel clearly stated that, realizing the need to constantly redefine and redesign the teaching and learning process, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has changed the 34 year old education policy and has given the new national education policy to the country considering knowledge as the best treasure as per our culture. The conference was attended by Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State Smt. Annapurna Devi, Dr. Subhash Sarkar, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Goa Chief

Minister Shri Pramod Sawant, Gujarat Education Minister Shri Jitendra Vaghani, Education Ministers from various states of the nation, Chairman of the drafting committee of NEP-2020 Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chief Secretary to the Government of Gujarat Shri Pankaj Kumar, educationists, senior officials of the education department.

## EaM Shri S Jaishankar lauds Centres efforts to reach every individual

External Affairs Minister Dr Shri S Jaishankar attended a series of events during his two days visit to the cultural city of Vadodara on May 30-31. He attended two government programmes along with reading and dialogue programme on the book 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' organised by The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Vadodara. He appreciated the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government effort to launch various schemes for benefit of people and ensure that it will continue under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shri Jaishankar attended the programme at Collector office where he handed over financial assistance to 17 children from Vadodara who lost their parents during COVID pandemic. Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi joined virtually and interacted with beneficiary children. "The government stands with the children who have lost their parents due to COVID-19," Shri Narendra Modi said during the event. "I know how difficult it is for those who have lost their loved ones and it changes their lives." "Years ago when we came to India after serving in the embassy, I wondered when the basic facilities seen abroad would be available in our country. The Prime Minister has implemented some important schemes to provide basic amenities like water, health, electricity, sanitation, employment. Now a new India is being created and the living standards of the poor people in the country are improving," Shri S Jaishankar said while addressing the event.

## CM virtually lays foundation stone from Gandhinagar for new construction of 8 Charity Buildings

CM laid foundation stone of new Charity Office Buildings to be constructed in eight districts of the state on May 25, 2022 in the presence of Law Minister Shri Rajendra Trivedi, Minister of State Shri Deva Malam and Charity Commissioner Shri Y. M. Shukla by video conference.



“The state government is making efforts towards constructing Charity Office Buildings in all the districts of the state,” CM Shri Bhupendra Patel said during the event.

The construction of this charity office building will be undertaken at a cost of ₹22 crore at Veraval of Gir Somnath, Botad, Modasa of Aravalli, Surendranagar, Bhuj, Lunawada, Himmatnagar and Morbi.

### **CM virtually inaugurates 4 bamboo-based Skill Enhancement Centres**

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel launched the free distribution of 42 lakh bamboo worth ₹20 crore from Dediapada to 14 tribals residing in Ambaji to Umargam on May 26, 2022. With this, the state government aims to develop a complete eco-system for bamboo-based industry which would generate a large number of employment opportunities for the members of tribal communities.

“Gujarat has taken direction towards cultivating bamboo termed as ‘Green Gold’ and create an ecosystem of

bamboo industry. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has opened a new door for the all-round development of the tribals by removing the 90-year-old law of treating bamboo as just a tree. As a result, bamboo-based industries are developing in many states of the country, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel said during the event.



CM also inaugurated four bamboo-based Skill Enhancement Centres (Kaushalya Vardhan Kendra) in the tribal areas under Pradhan Mantri Kaushalya Vardhan Yojana to impart systematic and holistic skills to the tribal youth. These centers are based at Dediapada, Netrang, Waghai and Kevadi.

### **Gujarat is fully equipped to take up Organic farming: CM**

On May 6, 2022 CM Shri Bhupendra Patel and Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat Shri Acharya Devvrat held a video conference to guide the officials and district administration regarding Organic farming and reduce the usage of chemicals fertilisers.

The conference was also attended by all the district agriculture officers, district animal husbandry officers and other concerned officials. Governor in this virtual meeting said that, “due to the result-oriented efforts of the state Government and the efforts of farmers, the campaign of Organic farming has reached the rural level. Also with the help of the district administration, the state of Gujarat will inspire by the country in the field of Organic farming and the determination of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to adopt it nationwide will be realised.”

The CM said the foundation of development is laid on three pillars – education, health and security. “It is certain that natural and chemical-free farming can improve soil health and human health,” Shri Bhupendra Patel said.

### **Presentation of Developmental Works of GIFT City to Shri Amit Shah and Chief Minister**

GIFT City Managing Director Shri Tapan Ray made the presentation of developmental works to Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel at I-Create (International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology) in Ahmedabad District on May 16, 2022. Recently, the Department of Science & Technology,



Government of India awarded iCreate with the National Award for Technology Business Incubator for the year 2020. Instituted by the National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), this award is given for exemplary work in the area of incubating and nurturing technology-based startups.

Chief Secretary of Gujarat Shri Pankaj Kumar, Chief Principal Secretary to CM Shri K Kailashnathan, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Shri Pankaj Joshi and other officials were present during the presentation.

### **Gujarat CM attends 3-day Swasthya Chintan Shivir**

Inaugurating the three-day Swasthya Chintan Shivir at Statue of Unity-Ektanagar under the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel said that the shivir and its results will benefit the health sector of the nation. The camp, which was held under the chairmanship of Union Health Minister

Mansukh Mandviya from May 5-7, has been attended by health ministers, secretaries and medical experts from 25 states and union territories of the country.

The objective of the three-day conference is to review the implementation of policies and programmes relating to medical and public health sectors and to recommend ways and means for better implementation of these policies/programmes for benefit of the common people.

With the effective implementation of various schemes in Gujarat, in the year 2020-21, Gujarat ranks first among the major states in the country with a State Score of 86 in Sustainable Development Goals, Policy Commission Index – Health and Wellness.

In this year's budget of Gujarat, ₹12,240 crore have been dedicated for the health schemes of all age groups starting from new born to senior citizen.

### **Ahmedabad district administration well equipped for monsoon**

Monsoon has already marked its onset in the state early this year. To be fully prepared for the possibility of natural calamities like storm, floods and cyclone, Ahmedabad's district administration has already completed several works. To discuss pre-planning process of

monsoon, a meeting was conducted at District Collectorate Building under the chairmanship of Shri Sandip Sagle, District Collector, Ahmedabad. The 'Pre-Monsoon' meeting was held by setting up various agendas, taking into consideration experiences of past, causalities and future solutions in-case the past repeats itself. Addressing the meeting, the Collector appealed the district administration staff personnel to work with 'Zero Casualty' approach.

"Generally heavy rainfall affects their neighboring areas. When Mount Abu was hit by heavy rainfall, Banaskantha district faced certain damages; in the same way if the surrounding districts of Ahmedabad are faced with heavy rainfall then Ahmedabad district will also be affected by it somehow," Shri Sandip Sagle said during the meeting. There is availability of 228 life saving jackets, around 168 life buoy, 44 ropes of 100 feet length, 22 ropes of 200 feet length, and 11 generators. In addition, according to the needs of every municipality de-watering pumps are also being made available. Firefighter equipment, water browsers, rescue vehicles, hydraulic platform, crane, fire truck, air boat trolley and several other equipment are also made available by keeping in mind safety of the population as conveyed by the district collector. ●

# JANMBHOOMI CALLING... MODIJI'S ENDEARMENT FOR GUJARAT ENDURES

By Garima Malvanker

**W**ith a commitment of making lives better and nation stronger, this 21st century couturier is dressing up India in the garb of development to become future ready. Call it his proclivity or pledge, his affinity for Gujarat ensures betterment in lives of Gujarat dwellers with every passing day. Opening the avenues to walking on the road less travelled, aiming to achieve and fulfilling to establish with astounding farsightedness.





Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's journey of wooing the world, walking shoulder to shoulder with global leaders, spreading the smile of contentment amongst indigent, to igniting the feeling of pride within the countrymen, making the NRIs swell up with dignity to ensuring the gift of development reaches every Indian to marking many 'firsts', started from Gujarat. His janmbhoomi aka the state of Gujarat has acted the most fitting foundation for his 8 years of Sushasan and two decades of public service. It is this land of Gandhiji and Sardar Patel that has infused the sanskars of benevolence and diligence into him. This visionary leader is a pride of Gujarat.

Prime minister Shri Narendra Modi frequented his Maa and matrubhoomi in last couple of months and has been inaugurating and ground breaking various development works across the state. Working with the mantra of all-inclusive development, he visited South Gujarat to Saurashtra and Northern end to mid Gujarat. It is his commitment, optimism, clarity, tireless work ethic and his visionary trait that resonates with public sentiments. We are working for holistic, inclusive and equitable development, the Prime Minister said.

During one of his recent

visits, he said that it was apt that he is on Gujarat soil on the eve of 8 years of service to the motherland. In these years, service to the poor, 'Sushasan' and 'Gareeb Kalyan' were accorded the highest priority. He said that the mantra of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas gave a push for the nation's development.



## AS THE PM'S HEART BEATS 'GUJARAT MORI MORI', THE MANTRA OF DEVELOPMENT GALORE IN GUJARAT

### Rashtriya Raksha University

PM dedicated building of Rashtriya Raksha University to the nation. RRU has been set up to meet the need for high quality trained manpower in various wings of policing, criminal justice and correctional administration.

RRU offers academic programs from diploma to doctorate level in various

areas of policing and internal security such as police science and management, criminal law and justice, cyber psychology, information technology, artificial intelligence and cyber security, crime investigation, strategic languages, internal defence and strategies, physical education and sports, coastal and maritime security.

Currently, 822 students from 18 States are enrolled in these programs.

### Khel Mahakumbh

Started in 2010 in Gujarat under the visionary leadership of the then Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with 16 sports and 13 lakh participants, Khel Mahakumbh encompasses 36 general sports and 26 para sports. Over 45 lakh sportspersons have registered for 11th Khel Mahakumbh. PM declared open the 11th Khel Mahakumbh. It has revolutionized the sports ecosystem in Gujarat. It is a unique confluence of traditional sports like kabaddi, kho-kho, tug of war, yogasana, mallakhambh and modern sports like artistic

skating, tennis and fencing. It has played an important role in identifying raw talent in sports at the grass root level. It has also given a thrust to para sports in Gujarat.

### **Nirali AM Naik Charitable healthcare**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated A.M. Naik Healthcare Complex and Nirali Multi Speciality Hospital in Navsari. He also virtually inaugurated the Kharel education complex. Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel was among those present on the occasion. The Prime Minister said modernization and accessibility of healthcare facilities is critical for empowerment and ease of life of the poor. He elaborated that, along with modernization of treatment facilities, efforts have been made to improve nutrition and clean lifestyle. He added that we aim to protect the poor and middle class from disease and in case of disease, we aim to minimize the expenses.

The Prime Minister recalled his days as Gujarat Chief Minister when he launched schemes like Swasthya Gujarat, Ujjwal Gujarat, Mukhyamanti Amritam Yojna. The Prime Minister also talked about improvement in the health and nutrition parameters of women and children. He referred to Chiranjivi Yojna for institutional delivery, which has benefitted 14 lakh

mothers. The Prime Minister informed that Gujarat's Chiranjivi and Khikhilhat Schemes have been expanded at national level into Mission Indradhanush and PM Matru Vandana Yojana. The Prime Minister also listed the measures to improve medical education in the state. AIIMS is coming up in Rajkot, number of medical colleges have reached 30 in the state and MBBS seats have increased from 1100 to 5700 and PG seats have gone up to more than 2000 from just 800.

### **Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan Navsari**



He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development initiatives during 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan' at Khudvel, a tribal region in Navsari. This includes the inauguration of 7 projects, foundation stone laying for 12 projects and Bhumi Pujan for 14 projects.

The Prime Minister performed the Bhumi Pujan for 13 water supply projects for residents of Tapi, Navsari and Surat districts, worth

₹961 crores. He also performed the Bhumi Pujan of a Medical College in Navsari district, to be built at the cost of about ₹542 crores, which will help provide affordable and quality medical care to the people of the region.

The Prime Minister inaugurated the Madhuban dam based Astol regional water supply project, built at the cost of about ₹586 crores. It is a marvel of water supply engineering skills. Also, 'Nal Se Jal' projects worth ₹163 crores were inaugurated by the Prime Minister. He also inaugurated the Virpur Vyara substation, constructed at a cost of over ₹85 crores. A sewage treatment plant with a capacity of 14 MLD, worth ₹20 crores, was also inaugurated for Vapi city of Valsad district to facilitate wastewater treatment. The Prime Minister inaugurated government quarters built in Navsari at a cost of over Rs 21 crores. He also inaugurated roads constructed from Piplaidevi - Juner - Chichvihir - Pipaldahad and school buildings constructed in Dang, at a cost of about Rs 12 crore each.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of 8 water supply projects worth ₹549 crores, to provide clean drinking water to the residents of Surat, Navsari, Valsad and Tapi districts. The Foundation stone of a wide road connecting Khergam and Pipalkhed, to be built at

the cost of ₹33 crores in Navsari district, was also laid. Another four-lane road will be constructed between Navsari and Bardoli via Supa, at a cost of about ₹27 crores. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the construction of District Panchayat Bhavan and for providing and fixing a roller crash barrier in Dang at a cost of about Rs 28 crores and 10 crores respectively.

### IN SPACe Bopal

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at Bopal, Ahmedabad. The programme also witnessed the exchange of MoUs between IN-SPACe and private sector companies working in the field of space-based applications and services. The promotion and enabling of private entities in the space sector will provide a major impetus to the space sector and open up new vistas of opportunity for India's talented youth. With the reformation of space sector, freeing it from all restrictions, by supporting the private industry through IN-SPACe, the country is starting a campaign to make winners today. When the strength of government space institutions and the passion of India's private sector will meet, not even the sky will be the limit, the Prime Minister added. The Prime Minister said that data

collected by the private space companies is going to give them huge power in future. He said that the global space industry is valued at 400 billion US dollars and has a potential to become a 1 trillion-dollar industry by 2040. He emphasized that India needs to increase its share in the global space industry and the private sector will play a big role in that. The Prime Minister also saw a strong role for India in the fields of space tourism and space diplomacy.

is a great medium for the self-sufficiency of the village. It has the energy of AtmaNirbhar Bharat. Six villages in Gujarat have been chosen where all the cooperative-related activities would be implemented, he said.

He further added that the dairy sector is also growing rapidly in the last few years and is also contributing more to the rural economy. In Gujarat, milk-based industries were widely spread because the restrictions on the part of the government were minimal in



### Sahkar Sammelan

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the seminar of leaders of various cooperative institutions on 'Sahakar Se Samridhi' at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, where he also inaugurated the Nano Urea (Liquid) Plant constructed at IFFCO, Kalol.

He emphasised cooperation

this. The government plays the role of only a facilitator here, the rest is either done by cooperatives or farmers. With this objective, a separate ministry for cooperatives was formed at the centre. He added that efforts are being made to encourage a cooperative-based economic model in the country.



### **K D P Multispecialty Hospital, Atkot**

The Prime Minister said that in 2001 when the people of Gujarat gave him the opportunity to serve them, there were only 9 medical colleges, now there are 30 medical colleges in Gujarat. "I wish to see a medical college in every district of Gujarat and the country," he said. Shri K.D. Parvadiya Multispecialty Hospital inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will have full time services of doctors specialized in Gynaecology, Surgery, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Medicine, Radiology, Pathology, Dental and Physiotherapy while Nephrology, Surgery, Cardiology also services of visiting doctors specialized in departments like Gastro Surgery, Gastrology, Oncology, Critical Care etc. Also, 1700 seats for MBBS and 2000 seats for PG have been fixed so that our youth generation do not require to go elsewhere for pursuing medical studies. Gujarat

Government will create 8 new medical institutes in future.

### **Dahod - Panchmahal Development works**

In the Adijati Maha Sammelan in Dahod, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth around Rs 22,000 crores. The Prime Minister inaugurated projects worth over Rs 1400 crores. He inaugurated Dahod District Southern Area Regional Water Supply Scheme, constructed on Narmada River Basin, worth around Rs 840 crores. Prime Minister also inaugurated five projects of Dahod Smart City worth around Rs 335



crores. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, benefits worth Rs. 120 crores were provided to 10,000 tribal of Panchmahal and Dahod districts. Prime Minister also inaugurated 66 KV Ghodia substation, Panchayat Houses, Anganwadis, among others. Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for manufacturing of 9000 HP Electric Locomotives at the Production Unit in Dahod. The cost of the project is around Rs. 20,000 crores. Dahod workshop, established in 1926 for periodic overhaul of steam locomotives, will be upgraded to electric locomotive manufacturing unit with infrastructural improvements. It will provide direct and indirect employment to over 10,000 people. Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of various projects of the State government worth around Rs 550 crores. He said Dahod will contribute to Make in India campaign as Rs 20 thousand crore worth of 9000 HP Electric Locomotives is coming up at the Production Unit in Dahod.

Under Nal se Jal mission, 6 crore households got the facility of tap water in last few years. In Gujarat 5 lakh tribal families have received the facility of tap water. He reiterated his pledge that every tribal household should have pucca house with toilet, gas connection, electricity, water connection.

### Global AYUSH summit

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global AYUSH Investment & Innovation Summit at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) were present on the occasion. 5 Plenary sessions, 8 roundtables, 6 workshops, and 2 symposiums, with the presence of around 90 eminent speakers and 100 exhibitors took part in this 3 days' exhibition. Prime Minister said we are already witnessing unprecedented growth in the production of AYUSH medicines, supplements and cosmetics. In 2014, where the AYUSH sector was less than \$3 billion, today it has increased to more than \$18 billion. He said that the Ministry of AYUSH has taken several major steps to encourage startup culture in the field of Traditional Medicines. A few

days back an incubation centre developed by All India Institute of Ayurveda has been inaugurated, Shri Modi informed. Noting that the production of medicinal plants can be a good means of increasing the income and livelihood of the farmers and the scope of employment generation in this, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of facility to easily connect with the market for the farmers involved in the production of medicinal plants.

### Jamnagar's GCTM

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO). GCTM will be the first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine across the world.



He expressed that the rising demand for Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani formulations globally as many countries are stressing upon the traditional medicine for dealing with the pandemic. Similarly, Yoga is gaining popularity across the world. He has laid down five goals for the new Centre. First, to create a database of traditional knowledge system using technology; second, GCTM can create international standards for testing and certification of traditional medicines so that confidence in these medicines improves. Third, GCTM should evolve as a platform where global experts of traditional medicines come together and share experiences. He also asked the centre to explore the possibility of an annual traditional medicine festival. Fourth, GCTM should mobilize funding for research in the field of traditional medicines. Finally, GCTM should develop protocols for holistic treatment of specific diseases so that patients could benefit from both traditional and modern medicine.





### PM offers prayers at reconstructed Mahakali Temple in Pavagadh

The shikhara (spire) of the temple had been dilapidated after the assault on Pavagadh in the 15th Century. After five centuries, it has been renovated with a new look where the topmost area of the hill has been widened to increase the courtyard area. Moreover, other supporting facilities have been erected on the first and second floor of the campus. The temple has several facilities for devotees like a restroom, drinking water, newly built and well-equipped toilets, and street lights. Besides, steps to reach the temple have also been reconstructed for the convenience of devotees. Twenty-two hundred steps leading from Manchi to Rope-Way Upper Station, and 500 steps from Upper Station to Mataji's temple via Dudhiya Lake have been renovated. Projects like Yajnasala, large dining hall near Dudhiya Lake, overnight

stay facilities for devotees, as well as two elevators leading directly from Chhasia Lake to Mataji's temple are in pipeline. Moreover, a path for a full circumnavigation around the temple from Dudhiya and Chhasia lakes will be built around the temple. A guest house and multi-level parking will also be constructed near Manchi. Planting of trees surrounding the mountains is also being planned in collaboration with the Forest Department.

### Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan - Vadodara

Prime Minister inaugurates & lays foundation stone of developmental works worth Rs. 21 thousand crores in a

single day. Prime Minister said it is the priority of our Government to give equal opportunity to women in all sectors and ease their lives. Under Mission Mangalam, 26 lakh Nari Shakti have been linked with 2.60 lakh Sakhi Mandals in Gujarat.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated and laid foundation stone of various 18 projects of worth Rs. 16,369 crores of Railway in Gujarat. In addition, he also dedicated and laid foundation stone of developmental works of worth Rs. 21000 crores of various departments including railway in five districts of Central Gujarat.

The Prime Minister launched State Government's Mukhyamantri Matru Shakti Yojana and Poshan Sudha Yojana in 14 tribal areas of the state under the Integrated Child Development Scheme of the Women and Child Development Department. Nutrition kits were distributed to the beneficiaries of this newly launched scheme by the Prime Minister. Beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana were also handed over with keys of their houses.





The Prime Minister virtually laid the foundation stone of Gujarat Central University campus to be established at Kundhela near Vadodara as well of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya Bhavan and of various railway construction works.

Gujarat Government has ensured that women get proper nutrition during pregnancy and has implemented Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana at a cost of Rs 811 crores. Poshan Sudha Yojana has been extended to cover all the 14 tribal districts of Gujarat. Keeping in view the problem of malnutrition in Gujarat, women and their children have been nourished through Dudhsanjivani Yojana, Iodized Salt, Take Home Ration, PURNA Yojana, and Fortified Flour. For its effective implementation, Gujarat has received the Civil Service Award.

The health of women and

children is monitored in a timely manner through technology of application in the e-Mamta project. Devices have been provided to 11.50 crore Anganwadi workers and Asha workers in the country including 12 lakhs in Gujarat. He also mentioned about successful implementation of the Purna Yojana and Poshan Sudha Yojana.

The Government is also concerned about the proper environment and health of women and are provided with cooking gas. Women have been honoured by building toilets in every house. Under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana benefits of Rs 400 crore have been given to 9 lakh women in Gujarat, said Prime Minister. Referring to 50 percent seats been reserved for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions the Prime Minister said that, Under Mission Mangalam, 26

lakh Nari Shakti have been linked with 2.60 lakh Sakhi Mandals in Gujarat.

In Gujarat, houses have been provided to 10.50 lakh poor people residing in urban areas, 7.50 lakh people residing in rural areas and 4.5 lakh people belonging to the middle class families. Under the PM SVANidhi scheme, bank loans are being given to street vendors so that small business traders do not fall into the cycle of interest.

Gujarat has implemented new development plans with cooperation of government and public participation Gujarat will carve a niche. Prime Minister added saying that we will continuously keep moving ahead with the blessings of manpower to take the country to new heights. Appreciating the work of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, PM said that Gujarat will reach new heights of development. ●

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SHALA PRAVESHOTSAV AND KANYA KELAVANI CELEBRATION OF 2022:

A MARKING OF CREATIVITY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MORAL LEADERSHIP

By Christian Lois



being celebrated, little children are given a gift kit containing a bag, colouring book, pens, pencils and they are also being given sweets in the form of chocolates to start their journey of school.

This year 17th Kanya Kelavani and Shala Praveshotsav was inaugurated by our Chief Minister Shri. Bhupendra Patel in Memadpur Primary School of Vadgam Taluka in Banaskantha District. State-wide enrolment drive was conducted from 23rd June 2022 to 25th June 2022. Chief Minister on this occasion said that our Prime Minister ideated to make Education

**E**ducation is the key to success and success is achieved when every single person in the nation is capable of getting education. When education is accessible to every last person then it makes an individual to stand in the job market, present their skills and help with the innovative and technological development of the nation.

When our beloved Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in this view started 'Shala

Praveshotsav and Kanya Kelavani' initiative in 2003 it was to bring down the drop-out ratio in schools. It was also to congratulate and motivate little children to gain education and contribute to the nation's success. It is a common practice in an Indian household to mark the new beginnings with sweet and Prime Minister did not keep this tradition into the four walls of the house. Every year when 'Shala Praveshotsav' is

## THE DROP-OUT RATIO DECREASES TO 3.39 PER CENT

available to the lowest of the least while also enumerating that Education is the pillar of the development in any country. Chief Minister was also appreciated by the residents of Banaskantha District for giving a green signal to 'Clean Water Kasara-Dantivada and



Dindrol-Mukteshvar Yojna.’

On the very first day of this three-day drive there were over two lakh enrolments in the first standard wherein 19,182 dignitaries visited 10,600 schools of 8,132 villages. In 823 schools’ transportation facilities were commenced and around 8.46 crore rupees were being invested to make 141 classrooms in schools all around the Gujarat state. In kindergarten a total of 84,736 children were enrolled in which 43,748 were boys and 40,988 were girls’ population.

Now at the end of the 17th Kanya Kelavani and Shala Praveshotsav, a three-day enrolment drive, more than 5.72 lakh students were enrolled in the first standard whereas 2 lakh 30 thousand children joined kindergarten. Over 2.80 lakh girls were admitted in the first standard of the school whereas in 2,364 schools, transportation facilities were being initiated. 494 newly built classrooms made at an expense of Rs. 25.93 crore across the state vise made available to the children. A fund of Rs. 28.53 crore was also collected during this three-day expedition.

To imbibe a sense of empathy towards environment 1,58,820 trees were planted by the first

standard children along with various dignitaries. During this entire celebration 22,857 villages and 30,880 primary schools were being visited by various dignitaries. In this initiative not only Chief Minister and other Ministers of the state but also 356 senior officers and other functionaries participated and gave their invaluable contribution.

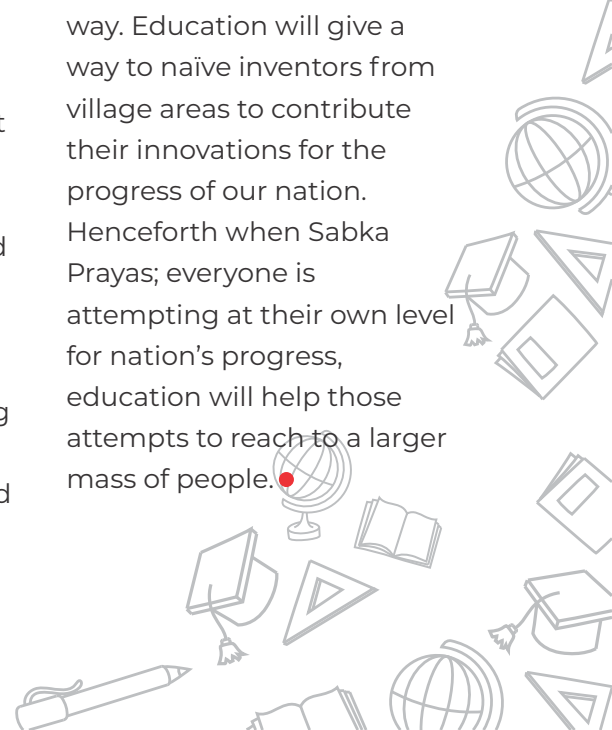


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It is noteworthy to know that since the inception of ‘Shala Praveshotsav’ to today the drop-out ratio has decreased to 3.39 percent while the enrolment ratio has reached nearly 100 percent. Gujarat State Government is working day and night to make the pillar of Education more solid

by not only transforming the educational structure through New Education Policy but also taking care that the environment where little children are getting education should be technologically equipped. Facilities such as greener grounds, smart classrooms, clean drinking water, mid-day meals and cleaner toilets have indirectly motivated villagers to send their children to school. Prime Minister and Chief Minister himself visit schools of villages all over Gujarat on various occasions to look after the maintenance of the property and to provide further assistance for the development of school.

As the world today is leading ahead with time, it is important to imbibe a sense of entrepreneurship in the minds of little children so that they can work upon their creative ideas and help Government in their own way. Education will give a way to naïve inventors from village areas to contribute their innovations for the progress of our nation. Henceforth when Sabka Prayas; everyone is attempting at their own level for nation’s progress, education will help those attempts to reach to a larger mass of people.

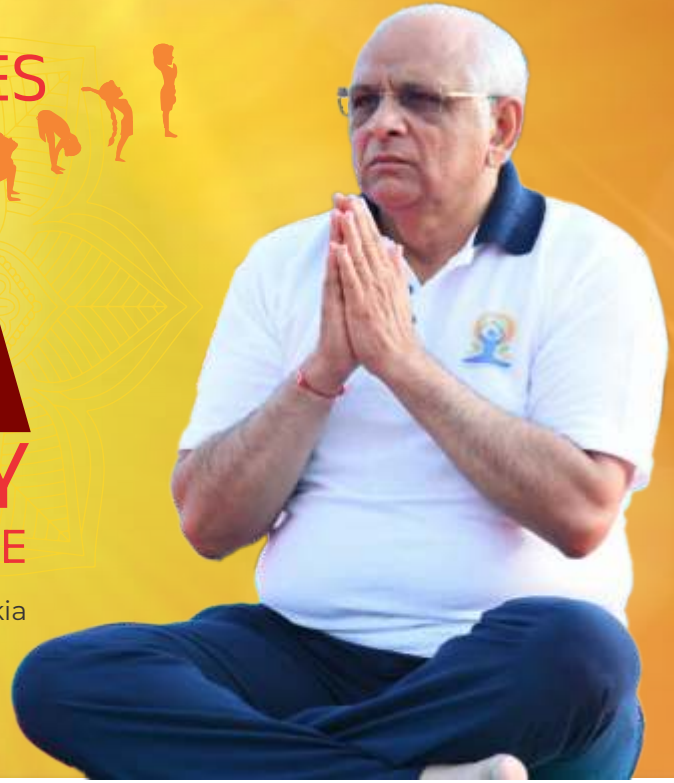


GUJARAT CELEBRATES

# YOGA DAY

AIMED TO UNITE EVERYONE

By Jeet Deepak Dholakia



**Y**oga, the word which is derived from Sanskrit and means 'To Unite'. Besides the benefits of good mental and physical health associated to Yoga, it also imparts a sense of bonding and unity among every human being. This unity or oneness signifies the ultimate union of our body with consciousness and thus attain peace.

Acknowledging the rising universal appeal towards Yoga, the United Nations on December 11, 2014 announced that every year June 21 will be observed as 'International Day of Yoga'. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the one who initiated this idea and celebrated Yoga Day for the first time on June 21, 2015.

June 21 is considered to be the longest day of the year in

the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest in the Southern Hemisphere. And, from the Yoga's perspective, this Summer Solstice marks the transition to Dakshinayana. In modern times, this is done in different ways in different parts of the world. The main purpose of celebrating International Yoga Day is to raise awareness of the so many benefits of Yoga.

### International Yoga Day Celebration

The core idea to celebrate June 21 as an 'International Yoga Day' was initially proposed by PM Shri Narendra Modi on September 27, 2014 in UN General Assembly. At that time the main resolution was introduced by India's Ambassador, Ashokkumar Mukherji that practicing

Yoga "provides a holistic approach to health and well-being" and that wider the dissemination of information about benefits of practicing Yoga would be beneficial for the health of the world population.

After execution of this idea, PM celebrated the Yoga Day for the first time in 2015 and thousands of people from all over India joined him in performing several yoga postures/aasana at Rajpath, New Delhi. Government of Gujarat too followed the Central Government and celebrated the day with enthusiasm. Since then every year, the state government continues to organise various programmes to celebrate Yoga Day at various places.

### Celebrations held at 75 places in Gujarat

Yoga for humanity was the

theme of this Yoga day. On the occasion of the 8th International Yoga Day, the Government of Gujarat selected 75 places across the state for its celebration. These places includes 17 religious places like Modhera Sun Temple and Ambaji Temple, 18 historical places including Dada Harini Vav and Dandi Smarak, the desert of Kutch and 22 tourist places including the Statue of Unity and 17 natural beauty places including Mangarh Hill and Saputara. Moreover, approximately 1.5 crore people including many students, youths, young women, elders and women had joined in the celebration. The state-level programme was held at Ahmedabad Riverfront. Gujarat's Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghvi did yoga asana.

"This year, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is celebrating the 75 years of independence. Therefore, yoga was celebrated at 75 iconic places in Gujarat," Shri Bhupendra Patel said.

### Benefits of Yoga

- Yoga is not only for physical fitness but also for mental peace. It has lots of benefits if it is performed in a proper manner.
- It is the only activity that can be performed without any equipment

of exercise. Yoga helps to reduce stress and helps to fight with any disease.

- With Yoga, one can increase the overall flexibility of the body that will be helpful to maintain overall health. Flexibility gives you freedom from any type of the pain.
- Yoga keeps your mind very calm and peaceful. Yoga keeps anxiety away and gives you stress-free life.
- Doing Yoga every day is important for a body because your body doesn't get tired all throughout the day and one can feel energetic every day.
- If you want to have strong muscles, Yoga is the answer. Yoga increases the flexibility in your muscles and because of that there are less chances that person can have pain or anything.

As this is an initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he had once said in his speech that "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being." On the occasion of International Yoga Day, various events are held every year at various places like government and

private schools and private offices. As every year we all celebrate International Yoga Day, here we can say that, 'let us all come together and celebrate 'International Yoga Day' and give ourselves the gift of physical strength, mental peace, healthy life and well-being.

### What is Yoga?

As stated earlier, Yoga connects and unites through the process where a person brings his/her mind, body and soul together.

Originated in Indian culture, people have been practicing Yoga for almost about 5,000 years. In practise, people try to control their body and mind and regulate their respiration.

Patanjali, a prominent sage from India was the one who compiled his work Yoga Sutras around 400 CE, a practice that was transmitted from teacher to student long before this text was published. There are almost six branches of Yoga like, 'Hatha Yoga', 'Raja Yoga', 'Bhakti Yoga', 'Tantra Yoga', 'Karma Yoga' and 'Jnana Yoga'. ●



# GUJARAT CELEBRATES FOUNDATION DAY

CM inaugurates developmental works in Patan

By Jaideep Lalchandani

Gujarat celebrated the 62<sup>nd</sup> foundation day as 'Gujarat Gaurav Diwas' on 1<sup>st</sup> May. To mark this special day, a grand event was held in Patan town, where Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat allocated Rs 140 crore for various developmental works in the region.

Gujarat came into existence on 1 May 1960, when Bombay State was dissolved and bifurcated into two separate states on linguistic lines. Since its inception, the state encountered several challenges and questions were raised around how to attain sustainable growth and development. Today, after over 60 years since its formation, Gujarat has not only answered all these questions, but has also become the most sought-after model of economic development for other Indian states.

There hasn't been any single event or factor responsible for the state's rapid rise and development as over the years several leaders' vision and sacrifices have shaped the developmental journey of Gujarat. Consequently, Gujarat has also become a prime destination for foreign investors as well. The FDI



inflow of 37% from this western state is testament to the fact that the policy framework and the state's business ecosystem stand out compared to other contenders.

## Celebration in Patan

Gujarat celebrated the foundation day with great enthusiasm and zeal. Several cultural programmes, competitions and seminars were held to commemorate this special day. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel attended the celebrations and inaugurated various developmental works.

"Around ₹140.68 crore would be allocated from the 'Amrut-2.0' scheme for public

welfare works including water supply, drainage lines and eight renovation works of lakes in the towns of Patan district. Out of this, ₹127 crore will be used for water supply and drainage works in Patan city alone. Whereas, ₹86 lakh will be utilised for water supply works in Siddhpur municipality, ₹6.41 crore for water supply works and ₹1 crore for lake renovation in Chanasma municipality, ₹3.94 crore for water supply works and ₹1 crore for pond renovation in Harij municipality," Shri Bhupendra Patel said.

In addition to this, fire and safety, infrastructure will be strengthened and a model fire station will also be constructed at a cost of ₹5

crore to make Patan self-reliant against possible incidents of fire. It also includes the construction of a civic centre at a cost of ₹38 lakhs for the people of Patan to carry out their daily activities easily.

### **Regional Science Centre**

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel also inaugurated a Regional Science Centre in Patan located some 130 km from Ahmedabad. This is one of the four regional science centres established in Gujarat to promote a scientific temperament among the people, especially children. Spread over an area of 34,000 square meters and constructed at an estimated cost of ₹100 crore, the centre has been designed keeping in view the fields of science, technology and mathematics it will be serving. The galleries here include Land of Dinosaurs Gallery, Hydroponics Gallery, Nobel Prize Gallery, Chemistry, Optics Gallery, and Human Science Gallery. Other attractions include workshops, 3-D theatre, science-themed parks, schools, sundials and cafeterias. Simultaneously, the exciting world of optical illusion can be seen in the Optics Gallery. The Illusion Tunnel, Infinity Pit, Tilted Room are also the centre of attraction for science lovers.

### **Greetings from PM and President**

On this historic day, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind also extended their greetings to Gujarat on its accomplishments.

“Gujarat, the land of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel is among the leading states of the country on the parameters of development,” Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind said.

“On Gujarat's Foundation Day, my greetings to the people of Gujarat. Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and several other greats, the people of Gujarat are widely admired for their diverse accomplishments,” Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi said in a tweet.

### **How Gujarat was formed?**

During the British rule, Bombay Presidency covered several modern states like Sindh (Pakistan), Gujarat and western Maharashtra. After Independence in 1947, the demand erupted that grouping of the states based on political and historical grounds does not satisfy linguistic and cultural aspirations. In 1948, Shri Rajendra Prasad set up Linguistic Provinces

Commission which was called Dhar commission who submitted a report and refrained from the idea of forming provinces exclusively on linguistic considerations.

The States Reorganisation Act created new boundaries for the State of Bombay, transferring some Kannada-speaking areas to Mysore State, and expanding the territories of Bombay to include Marathi-speaking Marathwada and Vidarbha, as well as Gujarati-speaking Saurashtra and Kutch. The new state was bilingual and also included areas that spoke Kutchi and Konkani.

From 1956 onward, the Samyukta Maharashtra Movement spearheaded the demand for a separate Marathi-speaking state with Bombay as the capital. Simultaneously, the Maha Gujarat Movement pressed for a state of Gujarat for Gujarati-speaking people in the Bombay State. This resulted in Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960, which provided that “as from the appointed day (May 1, 1960), there shall be formed a new State to be known as the State of Gujarat comprising the following territories from the State of Bombay, namely... and thereupon, the said territories shall cease to form part of the State of Bombay, and the residuary State of Bombay shall be known as the State of Maharashtra”.



# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

## A WAY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

By Nidhi Raval

Everyone is capable to contribute towards the protection of our mother earth and the environment. We celebrate World Environment Day on 5th June every year with various themes. This time on 50th Environment Day, the theme was "Only One Earth". As we all know that we have only one livable planet and thus it's our responsibility to protect it.

Gujarat Pollution Control Board celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June at Gujarat University Convention Hall, Ahmedabad. Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel graced the event with his dignified presence. The celebration started with Tree plantation by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister Shri Jagdish Vishwakarma and Mayor Shri Kirit Parmar.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel expressed his views on the occasion by appealing, 'this day is an opportunity to look at our past and pave the way for a bright future for the healthy environment by taking apt

measures based on the prevailing situation. Understanding the demand of the time and safeguarding the right of everyone to coexist on the planet, we must perform our social responsibilities and be harmless to our mother earth in every possible way."

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel added that Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Visionary leadership has taken a new step in the direction of preserving the environment across the nation and has given a new direction to the country to improvise the health of land and humans through natural farming. The Prime Minister expressed his determination at the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow to make India a Net Zero Carbon Emission Country by 2070. The Prime Minister's goal is to increase the non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW by 2030 and to get 50 per cent of the total energy requirement from renewable energy sources.

Gujarat is ready to contribute to fulfill the resolution of the

Prime Minister and with the cooperation of all the industries of the state, Gujarat is at the forefront of environment friendly industrial development. The Chief Minister called for a collective pledge to preserve the environment by saving water and soil on this World Environment Day when we are also in middle of celebrating "Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav" year.

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board has also taken some initiatives on this occasion to set up real-time online water quality monitoring stations at river Sabarmati, Mahisagar, Tapi, Damanganga, Kankaria lake and Thol lake. This will enable real-time monitoring of river-lake water quality, prompt specific steps to improve it.

Real-time information of online monitoring from different platforms brought on a single platform will enable the board to control pollution more efficiently and transparently with less manpower, monitoring, checks and warning updates. Central Command and Control-Secure Center has

planned this at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crores. With this, research and development from comparative graphical database will also be accelerated. In addition, VLTS- (Vehicle Location Tracking System) has also been implemented by the Board. Hazardous waste management can be monitored through close loop of this system.

The help desk system started by GPCB has been redesigned with the passage of time. Help desks have also been set up by state chambers at more than 10 industrial associations to provide guidance on legal as well as government regulations. Much needed guidance will be provided by the officers of the board through video conferencing which will accelerate the resolutions of issues of the industries.

The GPCB has announced open house planning at all the regional offices of the state on third Wednesday of every month from 3 to 6 pm for simultaneous resolution of industry related issues at the local level.

The GPCB has announced the "Sighting Criteria" to eliminate the inconvenience caused to industries for site selection and to harmonize it with the criteria of other departments. This will enable the entrepreneurs to take sound decisions before

investing in the land.

Minister of State for Forests and Environment Shri Jagdishbhai Vishwakarma said that when world is celebrating Environment Day with the theme "Only one Earth", Gujarat is credited with launching a separate "Climate Change" department which has been set up in only four states in the country. The Minister called upon the industries to come forward in the campaign to make our pilgrimages (monasteries) 'plastic free'.



Minister Shri further stressed on protecting environment by saying that it is not enough to celebrate World Environment Day instead one must conserve the environment as well. Protecting the environment is our utmost priority for the upcoming generations as well.

Mr. Arunkumar Solanki, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forests and Environment said that the State Government is doing a

great job in maintaining balance between industry and environment. When the entire world has accepted this achievement, the state's Forest and Environment Department is also headed towards this direction.

For the active contribution in the campaign for collection and disposal of plastic waste, Sarpanchs of villages and industrialists were also honored with appreciation letters by the Chief Minister and dignitaries present there.

Mayor of Ahmedabad Shri Kirit Kumar Parmar, MLA Shri Arvindbhai Patel, Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner Shri Lochan Shehra, Chairman of GPCB Shri RB Barad, Shri Kantibhai Patel of Federation of India, Shri Hemant Shah of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and more than 2500 leading industrialists and senior Environmental Engineers were also present making the cause truthful and successful.●

# ENCOURAGING BORDER TOURISM: SHRI AMIT SHAH INAUGURATES SEEMA BORDER PROJECT IN GUJARAT

By Team 'the Gujarat'



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated 'Seema Darshan Project' at the Indo-Pakistan border viewing point in Nadabet, Banaskantha district on April 10, 2022. Located in a salt marsh called the Rann of Kutch, this viewing point has been built on the lines of Wagah-Attari border of Punjab and is known as the 'Wagah of Gujarat'.

The grand closing-of-the-border ceremony at Attari-Wagah border between India and Pakistan is attended by thousands of visitors daily who fervently cheer their military representatives. The highly charged half an hour long ceremony that includes the lowering of the national flag and formal closing of the borders fills people with intense patriotic emotions.

This event not only overwhelms the tourist who gather at the Attari-Wagah border to witness the display of military showmanship but also helps generate the economy by providing

employment to micro-businesses ranging from food stalls, vendors selling items such as flags, caps, wrist bands, garments, toys, gifts, cosmetic, paint tricolour on customers face, and auto or taxi drivers that help bring people.

Thousands of people gathering for the event on a daily basis especially on weekends also aids nearby villagers do a brisk business. In an effort to imitate the similar model for generating economy in the Rann region, which already attracts large number of tourists every year, the tourism department of Gujarat government and the BSF Gujarat Frontier came together for the initiative to build Seema Darshan.

### **Gujarat's own Wagah border**

During the inauguration event, Shri Amit Shah was accompanied by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel and both of them received the guard of

honour by BSF troops. Later, they both attended and praised the performances of several artists during the cultural programme. After the performances, Shri Amit Shah along with the Gujarat CM inaugurated the viewing point. They also inspected the gallery with guns, tanks and other sophisticated devices that help in keeping the border and inland places secure on display.

Built at the cost of Rs 125 crore, Seema Darshan provides a direct access to civilians to view the fenced international border with Pakistan at 'Zero Point'. Here, the tourists will also get acquainted with stories of BSF personnel and also engage in a number of sports and recreational activities. Although Nadabet is being called the Wagah of the state, the parade here will be held only on the Indian side during the evening in an open-air auditorium that will have the capacity of 5,000 people. This auditorium is located at T-junction, which lies 30 km from the border.

"I pay my homage to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for he had come up with the idea of a multi-dimensional project for Nadabet. I can say with certitude that after 10 years



this project will give employment to at least 5 lakh youth in Banaskantha," Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister said while inaugurating the Indo-Pakistan viewing point.

Hon'ble Tourism Minister Shri Purnesh Modi, who was also present during the inauguration said, "It is a matter of pride for Gujarat that the project of Border Tourism has been unveiled today at the Indo-Pak International Border. The tourism sector will touch new heights in the coming days as Government of Gujarat is enthusiastically promoting Border Tourism, Wildlife Tourism, Eco Tourism and Beach Tourism."

"We can call Nadabet the 'Wagah of Gujarat'. However, there is a difference. Though the BSF conducts a parade similar to the one held at Attari-Wagah border in Punjab every evening during sunset, there won't be anyone present across the border on the Pakistani side," ML Garg, Deputy Inspector General of BSF, said.

### **Role of Nadabet in 1971 Indo-Pak War**

Visitors can relive the 1971 war showed through a documentary where Nadabet played a key role as it was in this region that the BSF not only stalled the enemy trying to invade from the west but also captured 15 enemy posts. Nadabet has maps showing the

movements of the BSF battalions capturing enemy positions during the war.

### **Adventure Sports**

The only way to reach Nadabet is through a road guarded by the BSF from Suigam. This road leads to the T-junction, which lies close to the Nadeshwari Mataji temple, and was once the last point accessible to civilians. Visitors can take special permission to view the border located at Zero Point, about 25 km further north of the T-junction. There is a nominal entry fee of ₹100 for adults and ₹50 for children above the age of



**"WE HAVE TRIED TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 30 PER CENT OF THE ELECTRICITY CONSUMED AT THE CENTRE IS GENERATED FROM SOLAR PANELS. THE BSF GALLERY WILL SHOWCASE THE VALOUR OF OUR FORCES AND THEIR ARTILLERY AS WELL AS SEA AND AIR STRENGTH. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE THAT TOURISTS DON'T JUST COME HERE FOR THE DAYTIME BUT STAY THE NIGHT AS WELL," SHRI AMIT SHAH SAID.**



two. Extra payment needs to be made for rides and adventure activities. The border visit timings are from 9 am to 7 pm.

Laying out the details of the tourism project, Shri Amit Shah said that over 20 restaurants, a guest house, changing rooms, an auditorium with 500 seating capacity, decorative lighting system among other amenities have also been developed at the centre.

### **Things to do at Indo-Pak Nadabet Border**

- ❖ Smarak Darshan
- ❖ Short film
- ❖ Sarhad Gatha Museum
- ❖ Art Gallery
- ❖ Kids Play Area
- ❖ Toy Train
- ❖ Adventure Park
- ❖ Souvenir shop
- ❖ BSF Parade at Sunset
- ❖ AV Experience zone ●

MEET THE MARVEL

A SAGA OF CALM,  
SAFE AND SECURED  
GUJARAT BY

HOME MINISTER SHRI  
**HARSH**  
**SANGHAVI**

By Manisha Vaghela

July, 2022 • the GUJARAT



## MEET THE MARVEL

Gujarat is imbibed in the hearts and minds of people as safe, calm, secured and an epitome of progress. Gujarat is always headfirst in the business as well as technological industrial sector. Gujarat holds 5 percent of the entire population of India while its GDP share is 7.9 percent in relation to our country. If we take heinous crimes into consideration, Gujarat is one of the top states wherein the crime rate is comparatively less which has been experienced by every citizen of the state. At the same time we have to consider the day and night contribution of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel to build a secure and happy atmosphere for every citizen. This effort also includes the dedication of our Home Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi who also contributes to this peaceful vibe of Gujarat.

Enthusiasm, vigor, quick decision making, polite, straightforward, sensitive, humility are few qualities which describes our youthful Home Minister. At a very young and mature age Shri Harsh Sanghavi holds the responsibilities of our state Gujarat. With his elegant personality, he holds the authority to properly look for good implementation of law and that the law is being enforced appropriately by the Government. "The Gujarat" had an opportunity to have a visionary conversation with him.



**Let us know the amendments made in the laws in the present times and its necessity.**

**Minister Shri:** A law should never be rigid. With due course of time, there should be necessary upgradation according to the changing situation of social structures. Transformation is a necessity with the change of time. Peace, tranquility and beauty are three essential components to transform the state like the speed of a bullet. Fear of severe laws is essential to deter criminals from committing crimes. As Gujarat state has a serene atmosphere, it also worries that it should not give criminals a chance, to disturb the peaceful environment. To cater this need former Chief Minister and present Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always had a watchful eye on laws and a vision to make appropriate changes whenever necessary to curb the crime. Change in GUJCOC (Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Act) is one such example. Shri Bhupendra Patel is walking on the footsteps of our Prime

Minister, taking sincere steps to stop crime. Using advanced technological features such as body worn cameras and CCTV cameras, Government of Gujarat is trying its best to abolish crime and criminals from the state.

**Kindly let us know about the CCTV technology you just mentioned?**

**Minister Shri:** Gujarat is moving forward with time for social welfare and adopting advanced technology for the security of the citizens also. Under 'Vishwas Project', CCTV cameras are being used to monitor hit and run cases, accidents, festivals, procession, fair and discipline of traffic rules to protect citizens from any untoward. CCTVs are also used to find abducted victims, thieves, accidents and missing children. Hence, three purposes of surveillance- law and arrangement, traffic rules and crime investigation are being undertaken through the usage of CCTV cameras. For this, Gujarat Public Safety (Measures) Implementation Bill, 2022

was also unanimously passed in the Legislative Assembly.

After the successful implementation of 'Vishwas Project Phase-1', the State Government is all set to implement 'Vishwas Project Phase-2'. I am pleased to inform that 'Vishwas Project' has stood first and has received Gold Award in Governance (Police & Public Safety Category) in the year 2019, Indian Police Award (Digital Transformation category) 2020 and Safe City Award in 2021 which is a moment of pride for all of us.

**What legal provisions are being undertaken by the State Government to help Youth from the addiction of harmful intake of drugs?**

**Minister Shri:** The youth of Gujarat is very precious. Gujarat state government is determined to save its youth from drug abuse. Strict actions are being taken against drug mafia under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel. Drugs reward policy is also in implementation. Under NDPS Act, 384 cases were being registered while 618 criminals were being



arrested between 16 September 2021 to 20 June 2022. More than 25.38 billion kilograms worth 34893.40 billion goods were also confiscated. If we talk about Gujarat then in relation to 237 cases of cannabis 330 accused, 16 cases of opium 21 accused, 19 cases of hashish 41 accused, 9 cases of heroin/brown sugar 54 accused and other 103 cases synthetic drugs 172 accused were arrested and are undertaken through proceedings.



In the near future, the state government will launch vigorous campaign to curb drug contamination and confiscate drug peddlers in the state.

**The cyber threat is stepping our doors as we enter the Digital Era, what steps are being taken by the State Government to curb the cyber crime?**

**Minister Shri:** Within the last two decades other states of India refer to us as Gujarat Model as it has accloded in the industrial, social and economical sectors at a



greater level. The prime reason is the crime rate in Gujarat is comparatively low than the other states. Crime has not yet escalated but the purpose is to lower the crime rate even more. To fulfill this purpose 'Cyber Aashvast' project is being fully functional to stop online financial fraud.

**Can you let us know about the accelerated measures taken against the perpetrators?**

**Minister Shri:** Recently, the misdeeds and atrocities happening with women and children of different cities and villages of Gujarat and to serve justice to the families of victims strict supervision is being practiced. To rightly punish the criminal, a charge sheet is being issued within the designated time from an acclaimed court; a special public prosecutor is being assigned for the speedy proceeding of the trial. Efforts have been made to set a precedent in the society

by punishing the perpetrators of serious crimes, to keep other persons away from such crimes, and to ensure the safety of women and children. As a result in 24 criminal cases; out of which death sentence was given to the accused in total 5 crimes, accused in total 11 crimes were sentenced to life imprisonment, accused in 3 crimes sentenced to 20 years rigorous imprisonment and 5 accused have been sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment Apart from this, in case of a vehicle theft, mobile theft, Citizen Portal <http://gujhome.gujarat.gov.in> or Citizen First app is used in the public welfare orientation to facilitate e-FIR in the wider interest of citizens.





**Everyone has a dream of having their own house. How is the Government contributing to make this dream come true?**

**Minister Shri:** Dreams are what keep us awake. The state government is working day and night to fulfill this dream. We all dream of a “home of the house”. Whether it is a small 1 bedroom or a bungalow, a house is the best financial security of a person. According to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana" is planned to fulfill the dreams of the poor. This is an important step under which “Economically Weaker Section (EWS)” scheme whose income is 1 lakh will be benefited. In the last 20 years under various schemes in Surat city 82,467 families have been provided their own house. The target of constructing 18,000 houses will also be achieved soon with the help of "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana". Slum Upgradation Cell is paying special attention in government

schemes like "Mukhyamantri Gruh Yojana", “Pradhanmantri Awas Yojana”. To reach the target, with the help of Central and State Government various slums areas are going to be reconstructed and transformed under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS)” housing scheme in Surat city.

**When India is the most youthful country, what activities has the state government undertaken for the development of the youth?**



**Minister Shri:** For overall development of the youth of the state, to enhance their skills more creatively, youth festivals are organized at

taluka, district, region, state and national level for young men and women to present their original works in the field of literature, art and culture in an excellent way. Meanwhile, in Chorvad and Veraval, 'Veer Savarkar Akhil Bharat Swimming Competition' is conducted once in a year for young men and women. Youth are being introduced to the life of the people residing in border areas and with the approach of motivating youth to join borders, 'Apni Sarhad Odakho' (Know our Border) adventure camp is being organized for youth. To motivate State's future literary students and to give proper guidance in the field of literature, every year Literature Camp is being organized where one can issue books/material on the ancient literature. Forest travel program, Sabarkantha visit program, Mahajan Smarak water boat competition, youth leadership training camp, music camp, interstate camp and various other activities are being upheld for the growth and development of the youth.

We all know the benefits of free education, accommodation, meals, sports uniforms, sports equipment, scientific training by expert coaches, nutritious food, stipend and protection of insurance cover etc. are provided by the state government to the players

## MEET THE MARVEL

playing under the district level sports school scheme. You will be happy to know that Gujarat is one of the states in India where the state government spends an average of Rs 1.67 lakh per player for such benefits and training.

**A man without art is like an animal. What programs are conducted by the Department of Sports and Youth Culture to enliven art and literature?**



**Minister Shri:** Yes! You are absolutely right. To encourage youth, activities like Uttrardh festival, spring festival and folk songs are organized. Even theater festival, classical music festival, harmony day, umang festival, Somnath festival and Dwarka festival are also celebrated.

**How are athletes motivated in our state ?**

**Minister Shri:** To motivate youth for sports, awards like Eklavya award, Sardar Patel award, Jaydeepsingh award



and State athlete award is being presented to the eligible winners. In addition, retired athletes and the ones participating in international competitions are being provided with the financial aid as well.

**It is said that there is no achievement without adventure. Can you tell us about the activities undertaken by the state government to cultivate entrepreneurship in the youth?**

**Minister Shri:** To bring out hidden talent and to imbibe a spirit of adventure in youth, Sahas branch Commissioner of Youth, service and cultural Activities is supervised by mountaineering organization which provides adventure course, advance course, basic course, coaching course and artificial rock climbing course. Not only this but in Himalaya region sightseeing and mountain climbing activities are being undertaken and State's Mountaineer Award is presented to motivate the

youth. Not only this, with the help of State Mountaineering Award the youth is encouraged. Assistance is also provided to those who climb Mount Everest and the world's inaccessible mountains.

**Favorite Book:** Inner Engineering

**Favorite food:** Being Surti, I am a big time foodie but one of my favorites is Khaman and dhokla

**Favorite sport:** Cricket

**Favourite movie :** Lakshya

**Favourite song :** Zindgi pyaar ka geet hai... ise har dil ko gaana padega

**Likable tourist destination:** Himachal Pradesh

**Memorable Moment:** The times of Covid when everybody was helpless but Gujaratis residing in every nook and corner of the world have shown humanity towards the needy. The times were very difficult when the crowded streets were left deserted. The people who were travelling, wanted to reach their families were helped and provided with basic necessities in the difficult times by Gujaratis.

**If not a political person then I would have been:**

Businessman ●



# GUJARAT IS WITNESSING A GRASSROOTS WATER REVOLUTION

By Shreya Sathe

rural household. Ensuring empowerment and active community management of natural resources, leading to an improvement in their living standards and to make the state 100% tap water connected.

Jal Jeevan Mission was already in progress at a good pace and was accelerated after the announcement in order to provide functional tap water connections (FHTCs) at the doorsteps of every household in Gujarat.

Gujarat is witnessing a grassroots water revolution.

***95.53% Households of Gujarat receives safe, adequate and regular drinking water through taps under the "Nal Se Jal Mission"-making Gujarat best performer across the country under 'The Jal Jeevan Mission'***

Every village and resident of Gujarat is becoming a part of this change by planning and implementation. Since 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' is the mission, the gram

panchayats have also developed largely to ensure effective implementation of the schemes.

There are 91.77 lakh households in the rural areas of the State of Gujarat, out of which the State Government has been successful in providing clean drinking water through taps to 87.67 lakh households i.e. 95.53 per cent of the households.

The state government is also completing the task of providing tap water through tap connections in hilly regions as well as isolated areas in remote areas.

Under Jal Jeevan Mission, out of the 33 districts Total 16 Districts of Gujarat as, Porbandar, Botad, Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Gir Somnath, Junagadh, Dang, Anand, Patan, Kutch, Vadodara, Morbi, Bhavnagar, Kheda, Jamnagar and Devbhoomi Dwarka respectively have become 100% tap water connected. Total 150 Talukas and 15825 villages have been provided with 100% FHTCs remaining rural areas will get tap water by September 2022. ●

**J**al Jeevan Mission is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to every household in rural India. This mission aimed to provide 100% tap water connections to the nation by 2024. Central Government and State Government to participate to Implement the scheme and provide tap water connectivity to each and every rural household of the state. This visionary mission is derived from the water supply model of Gujarat state. This is a matter of pride for the Water Supply Department, Government of Gujarat.

To enable communities to have adequate, safe and sustainable drinking water supply at each and every



# GUJARAT GETS SRESTHA

In Collaboration with the World bank, an estimated \$500 million will be invested, over five years, under the SRESTHA (System Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Outcomes in Gujarat) project to augment, enhance and expedite the creation of a resilient healthcare system for ensuring universal health care in Gujarat.

## Project highlights

The objectives of the project include increasing access to comprehensive primary health care in rural and urban settings, enhancing surveillance system and outbreak response, strengthening prevention and management of non-communicable diseases including mental health and trauma and empowering adolescents and strengthening services to improve their health & nutrition. The detailed activities to be undertaken under the health system transformation project in Gujarat will be charted out in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project.

The total five-year cost of the project, is proposed to be of USD 500 Million out of which total external assistance sought from the World Bank will be USD 350 Million. This health system transformation project in

Gujarat will be undertaken, ensuring that the external assistance is utilized for activities not funded through state budget or CSS funds.

The Health and Family Welfare department has been carrying out various activities through the state health budget and NHM budget. However, with a vision of creating a resilient health system and accelerating achievement of health outcomes; the state has proposed a health system transformation project, which will help implement innovations and best practices, horizontal and vertical expansion of existing services to ensure Universal Health Coverage, in a span of five years. This external assistance will provide budget buffer to fast-track and upscale activities where state budget, NHM, CSS or any other fund is not available or insufficient.

## Expected Outcome:

Ensuring universal comprehensive primary healthcare coverage to bring sustainable positive impact in health outcomes.

Implement innovations and world-wide accepted best practices to improve the quality-of-service delivery and by developing resilient health systems, equipped to tackle any unprecedented events.

Reduced out of pocket expenditure and improve quality of life, leading to improved human capital and rise in the GDP of the state.

Gujarat is committed to provide quality health services to every individual, residing even in the remotest area. The state has made great strides in the field of health as evident from the constantly improving health indicators. The maternal and child mortality rates are 70 and 23 respectively, better than the national average. The state has achieved the first rank in SDG-3 (Health & Well-being) achievements as per the NITI Aayog SDG India Index 2020-21. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health department of Gujarat has done exemplary work in COVID mitigation, response and vaccination, which has also been appreciated by the World Health Organization.

In order to do so, a health system transformation project in Gujarat is to be undertaken with the support from the World Bank with a goal of building a resilient health system that ensures universal access to high-quality, efficient, affordable, equitable care to improve the health, nutrition and In Collaboration with the "World bank", \$500 million will be invested under the "SRESTHA" Gujarat project.

# LEAVE A LEGACY OF LIFE

By Amitsinh Chauhan



**C**hief of family Sonulal of Srivastava family living in Jamnagar had gone to Varanasi to decide the marriage of Nidhi, whom he had raised with the feelings of love and affection. Nidhi had a wonderful childhood. Nidhi was to be married off thus the preparations were in full swing. From the engagement to the purchase of clothes, the tidal wave of preparations for marriage must have returned to her father's mind.

Nidhi, a resident of Jamnagar and originally from Varanasi, was admitted to Ahmedabad Civil Hospital with head injuries. She was patiently and courageously taking the treatment. But God may have some other plans for Nidhi. At the end of 3 days of

intensive care and treatment, Nidhi was declared brain dead.

Nidhi's father decided to donate her organs to keep his daughter alive among others. Nidhi became separated from the Srivastava family but through her feelings and philanthropy she became an integral part of the five other families. Her heart was donated along with both her kidneys, liver and pancreas. These were transplanted into another needy patient.

Srivastava Family couldn't save Nidhi and accepted the destiny's play but ensured that other families do not have to face the tragedy of bereavement. They took a commendable step by donating Nidhi's organs and

gifting lives to 5. Because the organ donation improved the life of one person and probably ended the struggle of the whole family, so Nidhi did not only give life to 5 but also saved 5 families from breaking.

The superintendent of the Civil Hospital Dr. Rakesh Joshi says in this emotional moment that many young people like Nidhi, who were supposed to participate in



**I WON'T BE BURIED, I WON'T BE BURNT, I WILL GIVE LIFE AND HAPPINESS TO MANY**

nation building with her talents, lost the battle of fate as no one can walk against God's will. But yes, when the soul of a family member allows organ donation she may reunite with her relatives and with God.

Nidhi's kidney donation marks a century of kidney donation in the civil hospital.

With Nidhi's donation of kidneys, in total 100 kidneys have been donated in the Civil Hospital. ●

# HUMANITY TRANSCENDS OVER 'FAITH'

By Himanshu Upadhyay



**BY DONATING  
AN ORGAN, YOU  
DON'T ONLY  
SAVE A LIFE BUT  
SAVE AN ENTIRE  
FAMILY TOO**

**H**umanity always triumphs over any belief of a person or a religion. We have seen how humanity flourished during covid period. We saw immense cases where people shed all the shackles of caste, creed, religion, and regional boundaries to help each other on the humanitarian grounds that saved many lives.

## Let's gift life

In one such case which truly portrays that humanity is true religion, a Muslim family donated the organs of its loved one so that many can get a new beginning in their lives. The 25-year-old Muslim man from Kutch district who died in road accident was declared brain dead in Ahmedabad Civil Hospital. Till date 58 organ donations have been done in civil hospital, but this 58th case proved that humanity does not have any religious tag attached to it.

In our society, different communities and religions have their own beliefs and opinions regarding organ donation. In this case, due to persuasion of SOTTO'S (State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization) team of Civil Hospital, this muslim family valued the importance of humanity rather than belief and decided to donate the organs of their loved one.

One could witness a unique blend of true secularism when the team of Civil Hospital offered prayer before taking the body for retrieval vital organs, where at same time the family of a boy were reading Kalma for peace of his departed soul. Four organ donations took place in the civil hospital

which included Bakulbhai Vaghela- who died in road accident, Laduben Macchi- died due to brain Hemorrhage, the Muslim man who died in road accident and Lalitaben Sadhu was who suffered from brain hemorrhage. All the families of these brain dead persons gave their consent for organ donation of the deceased.

Under the guidance of Superintendent of Civil Hospital, Dr. Rakesh Joshi, SOTTO team of civil hospital has done tremendous work. Due to availability of latest technology, machines, and infrastructure at civil hospital, 50 organ donations took place within the very short span of 6 months.

Noticeable thing is that, Not only from Ahmedabad but from the different districts of Gujarat people have become aware about organ donation which is a noticeable facts.

## **Record breaking organ donations in less than a month**

Superintendent of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, Dr. Rakesh Joshi said that this is the first incident where 11 people donated organs within 25 days in any government or private hospital. ●

# AS SOON AS **ANSUYABEN** BECAME SELF RELIANT, SHE GAINED SELF CONFIDENCE

By Shraddha Tikesh

**T**here was a time when Ansuyaben had no confidence to go out of her home alone. Since her childhood, she was surrounded by such a social environment that even to speak before someone was the toughest task for her. She could only manage to get education upto primary level. She was able to read and write in Gujarati and she had simple mathematical skills. Ansuyaben's life was changed when Sewa association entered her life; her life's direction and condition totally changed.

Ansuyaben joined the Sewa association in 2012. She was fond of cooking so she learnt how to cook snacks, bakery products and other food items made of organic grains and natural products only. Today, she produces various types of nutritional bakery products. Sewa association guides her consistently in her endeavors.

By making snacks from natural, organic goods, Ansuyaben has become self-reliant; her life has totally changed. Her self confidence is keenly noticeable after becoming self reliant. She is a woman with extraordinary talent in cooking. She is

striving to make her name by going ahead in this field.

Ansuyaben has started a home industry of snack making in Ahmedabad's Navrangpura area. A team of 15 women handle the production and selling work of these organic home-made snacks. These women make



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SELF-RELIANT**

healthy and fresh organic snacks by using products grown with natural farming. She uses organic wheat flour, Bajra, Ragi, Corn Oats etc that have sustained our civilization for centuries. These grains are grown with natural farming with absolutely zero chemicals.

The flour made from these grains is used in making the organic snacks. Ansuyaben's companions sell these products by visiting various places like societies, offices and homes. She earns around 12 to 13 thousands a month. She believes that there is no exception of hard work; Ansuyaben and her companions have proven this. Recently at the "Karnavati Prakritik Bazaar-2022" inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor Shri Acharya Devvrat, Ansuyaben's talks and thoughts spread joy and happiness.

In this activity run by Sewa Gram Mahila institute, women are motivated to become self-reliant. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's dream of making India self-reliant will be fulfilled by making women of India self-reliant. Many women like Ansuyaben are seeking to fulfill this dream of PM Shri Narendra Modi. ●

**ANSUYABEN IS  
EARNING WELL BY  
MAKING SNACKS  
FROM ORGANIC  
FARM PRODUCTS**

# COUNTRY'S FIRST EVER DENTAL MUSEUM IN VADODARA

By Suresh Mishra



**T**eeth are very important in maintaining health and physical fitness but very few people have knowledge of how to maintain this thirty-two teeth's health. We only have knowledge about how we get permanent teeth after losing the baby teeth or milky teeth. We do not bother to look after those teeth until we get a problem with them. As a result, the financial burden of costly dental treatment is increasing which we can surely avoid by taking a little care of the teeth.

In these circumstances, Dr. Yogesh Chandarana and Dr. Pranav of Vadodara together have made a museum prosperous with dental knowledge by spending their own money. In this museum, the doctors have collected information about teeth, medicine related to teeth, history and past details of the teeth. Also, it is interesting to note that

this museum might be Gujarat's and surprisingly, India's only private dental museum.

With prior appointment, schools and educational institutions can visit this museum free of cost. People with keen interest can also visit the place by the same procedure. This museum is located at Old Padra Road, near Malhar Point, 22 Haribhakti society in Vadodara.

Recently, Dr. Chandarana dental museum has entered the seventh year. Dr. Yogesh mentions that more than twenty thousand students and many curious people have visited this museum. You will be surprised to know that in the last ten thousand years of human evolution the human jaw's size and its teeth numbers have decreased; as acknowledged by Dr. Yogesh.

Dr. Yogesh also adds that in every two thousand years the

jaw size and teeth number of human decrease. The teeth making process starts when the foetus is in the womb of the mother; and then these teeth come out by breaking the wall of the gums after the sixth month of the child. This process is very painful for the child, that way, it is also called "Teething Trouble" in English.

Hesy-Ra is believed to be the first dentist of the world according to historical facts. In India, references suggest that Physician Sushruta who happened to be about 2500 years ago used to perform dental check-ups and operations.

Toothbrushes were invented everywhere in the world except India where the wood of Banyan tree, Babul tree, Neem tree and Karanj tree is used as a brush and as a tongue cleaner. Wooden brush sticks were also helpful as medicinal properties.

It is interesting to know that teeth, dentistry and dentists have got a place in postal stamps and postal literature and on coins too! Various bad habits are enemies of teeth; for instance, eating tobacco. Dr. Pranav is pleased to inform us that the treasure of their museum is among Asia's largest collection.●

# PADMA SHRI RAMILABEN: A ROLE MODEL FOR TRIBALS

By Vaishali Parmar



**A CLEAN INDIA WOULD BE THE BEST TRIBUTE INDIA COULD PAY TO MAHATMA GANDHI ON HIS 150-BIRTH ANNIVERSARY IN 2019," SHRI NARENDRA MODI SAID WHILE LAUNCHING THE SWACHH BHARAT MISSION**

**G**amit Ramilaben Raysingbhai, a tribal social worker from Songadh taluka in Tapi district, Gujarat received Padma Shri award this year for her selfless service towards Adivasis in education, healthcare and sanitation field

On 2 October, 2014 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a nationwide cleanliness campaign 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. Conceptualised on the lines to end open defecation through behavioural change, the campaign aimed to provide every family with

**"I AM THANKFUL TO THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND AND PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI FOR BESTOWING WITH THIS AWARD ON ME. NOW, I WILL WORK VAGARIOUSLY FOR THE 'SABKA SAATH AND SABKA VIKAS' MISSION OF THE CENTRE AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. THESE PRO-ADIVASI SCHEMES HAVE HELPED US A LOT TO UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITY," PADMA SHRI RAMILABEN SAID ON RECEIVING THE FOURTH HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD IN INDIA.**

sanitation facilities, including toilets, solid and liquid waste disposal systems.

Role of women was instrumental to spread the message of sanitation and many of them even took the leadership to fulfill Prime Minister's dream. Ramilaben Raysingbhai Gamit is one of them who selflessly worked and transformed nine villages to open-defecation free. Acknowledging her contribution towards the society, she was conferred with Padma Shri earlier this year.

### Role Model for Adivasis

In 2014, Ramilaben Gamit lived in Gujarat's small hamlet Taparwada with a population of 3,000 people. After she became aware about the Swachhh Bharat Abhiyan, the idea of creating toilets for people and thereby benefiting her village and citizens caught up her mind. At that time, there were only two residences with toilets in her village. Set on the mission to construct toilets, 52-year-old Ramilaben set out on a long and difficult journey.

Although the government made grant available to build toilets, but convincing the people was a major issue. However, Ramilaben teamed up with some like-minded people to work on this mission and all of them worked as masons and labourers to construct toilets.

Ramilaben has began worked as the president of the local Sakhi Mandal "Neha Sakhi Mandal" in 2013. She has also created more than 300 sanitary units and held awareness events on open defecation in the tribal belt. She also campaigned for drug protection and forest protection. Her spectacular work includes the distribution of free food grains to the tribal families in the hinterland villages of Saputara.

In addition to the "Women's Champion Award", Ramilababen has been awarded with over 50 letters of honours, including "Nari Tu Narayani Award" by the 181 Women's Helpline. She has also become the state's prominent voice and an inspiration to others.

Interestingly, Padma Shri Ramilaben has not earned a single penny from constructing the toilets and in fact, she continues to live a very modest life in her small house with her family of four. Her relentless work and commitment towards her community, her village and the society is admirable. ●

## PMAY UNLOCKS THE DOOR TO DREAM HOUSE FOR A FAMILY IN PATAN

By Ishita shah



While coming to the power in 2014, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that there will be no more politics with development. Under the new paradigm shift, several new schemes were launched to fulfil the basic necessities of human life; Food, Clothing and Shelter.

Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) launched in 2015 with an aim to provide pakka (concrete) houses at affordable rates to poor or middle-class families has helped number of families with a roof on their head.

Tinabhai Raval from Patan district works as a domestic helper who earns merely ₹8,000 per month. While looking at the dilapidated roof at his rented home, Tinabhai always dreamt for a concrete house where his family of six members can live with dignity. Though he had a strong desire, his financial capacity did not allow him to build a sturdy house which can withstand weather storms.

It was around this time that one of his close kin told him about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana scheme and convinced Tinabhai to enroll himself. Once all his doubts and fears were cleared, Tinabhai happily registered himself and availed the benefits of PMAY scheme.

Under this scheme, the central government paid a financial assistance of ₹3,50,000. Now, Tinabhai has a pakka house with all basic facilities. He can sense peace and satisfaction for his family who no longer have to spend sleepless nights under running water ceilings. ●

# WANTING A HAPPY LIFE? FIND YOUR IKIGAI

By Dhruvi Trivedi

Are you happy with what you are? Are you living a healthy life? What is the purpose of your life? These are few questions where you will take a pause and think for a while. We try to find purpose, happiness and a way to live healthy lifestyle many a times. But there are few times when we get answer to these questions by fluke. And here the fluke is a book!

I read *Ikigai- The Japanese Secret to a Long and Healthy Life* few months back. Your question will be what does Ikigai even mean? So, Ikigai is a Japanese concept which means 'your reason for being'. 'Iki' means life and 'gai' describes value or worth. The book spills the secrets of a happy living. Japanese people live for more than 110 years! The book revolves around the community in Japan Okinawa where the elderly of Okinawa never retire. Some 90 year olds say they have so many plans and don't think about dying.

The book is written by Hector

Garcia and Francesc Miralles which describes the healthy lifestyle and few suggestions for the people out there. The book has few major points such as, one should have a purpose in life. It says, "Our ikigai is different for all of us, but one thing we have in common is that we are all searching for meaning." Life without a purpose is like a



body without a soul. The book encourages reflection. It says, "There is no future, no past. There is only the present." It says happiness lies in simplicity. Enjoy the regular chores you do or do the chores you love to do. The other major thing is staying healthy. One needs to have an intuitive approach

towards health. There are many people in Okinawa who have not tasted salt in their life.

The best thing about your ikigai is that once you've found it, you don't want to retire. Ikigai is doing something where your heart is and that will get you into a flow. It can also be a microflow, where you enjoy daily routine tasks like doing the dishes. For this reason, Bill Gates for example does his dishes every night. It helps him to relax and he tries to do it better every day. Your ikigai does not have to be a big mission to change the world, but something you like, what you do every day and what gets you into a flow. We all remember the dialogue by Rajesh Khanna, "Baabumoshai, Zindagi Badi honi chahiye, Lambi nahi." Even though if we don't have a long life but we can definitely make it livable, happy and healthy. And that's why, find your ikigai, NOW! ●



## CM INSPECTS JAGANNATHJI'S

# RATH YATRA

## THROUGH CM DASHBOARD

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel carried out in-depth inspection of 145th Jagannathji's Rath Yatra of Ahmedabad metropolis including other Rath Yatra's in the cities of the state via Dashboard.

The Chief Minister performed the Pahind ritual early in the morning from the Jagannath temple in Ahmedabad and flagged off Rath Yatra. After reaching his residence (Chief Minister's residence) he watched the real-time monitoring of the Rath Yatra on the video wall of the dashboard.

Chief Minister closely monitored Lord Jagannathji, brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadraji and also Padayatra of devotees also Police patrolling and functioning of the security arrangements on the route.

This year's Rath Yatra, for the first time, the State Home Department has successfully experimented with drone technology to monitor the journey from a height of 65 meters. That too was inspected by the Chief Minister. He appreciated the security provided to Rath Yatra by helicopters and drones.



The Chief Minister also observed the activities of the personnel of Gujarat Police who are stationed at sensitive places and points in this Rath Yatra of Ahmedabad, which for the first time have been equipped with about 2500 body worn cameras.

The Chief Minister also obtained details regarding The Ahmedabad City Police and Municipal Corporation batch that are monitoring the Rath Yatra by setting up cameras at more than 100 points. In this year's Rath Yatra, akhada-bhajan mandli's and real time monitoring of trucks and vehicles involved in the Rath Yatra will be provided through GPS was also seen on the video wall of the dashboard.

46 fixed points including other moving, vehicle mounted cameras and high resolution CCTV, Chief Minister also obtained the details of the continuous monitoring system that has been set up with the help of cameras. Apart from Ahmedabad, the Chief Minister also watched live telecast and control room

monitoring of the Rath Yatra held in Dakor, Mahemdavad through dashboard.

Minister of State for Home Department Shri Harsh Sanghvi, Chief Principal Secretary to CM Shri K. Kailashnathan, Chief Secretary Shri Pankaj Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary of Home Department Shri Raj Kumar as well as Director General of Police Shri Ashish Bhatia joined Chief Minister in this review.

The Chief Minister has made the communication during the Rath Yatra stronger and easier by connecting the Terrace Point, the Strategic Police Point and the personnel involved in the arrangement with the mobile WhatsApp. Chief Minister also obtained details of VHF as well as Walkie Talkie for 16 channels to communicate which has been brought into action for this year's Rath Yatra.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel expressed satisfaction over the details he got regarding the facilities provided to the devotees, saints taking part in the Rath Yatra which include food offerings, water, first aid etc. ●

# MADHAVPUR MELA:

A MELANGE OF CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND  
CUSTOMS OF EAST AND WEST

By Zeel Thakkar



**M**ADHAVPUR MELA, an annual fair that celebrates the marriage of Lord Krishna and Rukmini was held from March 10-14, 2022 in Madhavpur, a village on the Porbandar coast. Besides Porbandar, thousands of people from the nearby districts such as Devbhumi Dwarka, Gir Somnath, and Junagadh attended the fair.

This religio-cultural fair holds importance due to its unique connection with Western region and the Northeast part of the country. The fair was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind accompanied by Hon'ble Gujarat governor Shri Acharya Devvrat, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel. Chief ministers of Northeast states along with art troupes from the region and other

dignitaries too were invited to visit the fair.

Gujarat's rich culture and heritage brings hordes of people to the state. The sense of traditional touch in the way this state celebrates festivals and fairs have a fascinating story behind them. Madhavpur Mela is one such fair which celebrates the union between Lord Krishna of Dwarka and Rukmini who hailed from Arunachal Pradesh. The marriage that is said to have taken place around 4,000 years ago, as per Hindu mythology portrays a blend of cultures from two diverse states.

### **Gujarat as World Tourism Hub**

Bestowed with great geographical diversity, cultural heritage and robust connectivity, Gujarat had all the qualities essential for

becoming the tourism hub of India. Spots ranging from vast wetlands to lush green forests and from deserts to pristine beaches, Gujarat boasts of many natural attractions. Having one of the ancient cities in the world, Dholavira besides scores of sites of religious significance, Gujarat has something to offer for everyone.

Interestingly, Gujarat was the first state in the country to announce a Heritage Tourism Policy in 2020 which allowed opening up of heritage hotels, museums, banquet halls and restaurants inside historic palaces, forts and buildings. To boost tourism and create jobs, the policy also had a provision of giving 100 per cent relief on electricity duty, marketing support and rent assistance in national and international events.

Before five years, the Madhavpur Mela was organised jointly by the Madhavpur village panchayat and the local temple administration. But in 2018, the state government took over and this resulted in surge of village panchayat's revenue.

Addressing a gathering at the Madhavpur Mela, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel said that fairs such as these reflect the colourful regional diversity of Gujarat's cultural life as well as promote social unity and harmony. He further expressed the state government's desire to project Gujarat's diverse cultural heritage on the global stage.

"Our government wants to make Gujarat a global hub of tourism. To achieve this, we have adopted the policy of doing well-planned development of religious places, renovation of ancient and heritage places and reinventing fairs like this one," Patel said. "Inspired by Narendra Modi, we have chosen the path of presenting Gujarat's festivals and functions in forms and colours."

Since 2018 the Gujarat government in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Culture has organised various side events like cultural evenings and public meetings at Madhavpur Mela. Artists and incumbent chief ministers from the North-eastern states of the

country are invited ever year. Moreover, a handicraft festival is also organised by the Gujarat government that features products made by artists from the state and other North-eastern states.

This Meghalaya Chief Minister Shri Conrad Sangma, Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Minister of Assam Shri Himanta Biswas Sarma, and Union Minister of State for Culture, Pratima Bhoumik were in attendance at the fair.

## GUJARAT GOVERNMENT'S RELENTLESS PUSH FOR MAKING THE STATE A GLOBAL TOURISM HUB THROUGH ITS UNIQUE CULTURE AND HERITAGE

### What happens at fair?

To mark the wedding of Lord Krishna and Rukmini, marriage rituals go on for five days. The people from nearby villages come to the wedding. The idols of Lord Krishna and Rukmini are taken out by a procession through Madhavpur for 'samaiya', a ritual to welcome the groom home with his bride. The marriage takes place according to the scriptural rites of Lord Krishna and Rukmini ji. The procession is then given

farewell on the early morning of thirteenth day of Chaitra month. People feel privileged to be present at this wedding of God.

Troupes from Assam performs Rukmini-Haran, a popular folk theatre of the region. Musical troupe from Manipur sings songs related to Rukmini in the Khullong Ishei and Nat genre. Dance-dramas based on Rukmini-Krishna legends from Arunachal and Manipur and folk dance of the Idu Mishmi tribe from Arunachal are also presented during the fair.

An exposition and sale of art and crafts of Gujarat and handloom and handicrafts products from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and other North-Eastern states were also a part of the event. A Visual Art Exhibition on Krishna and Rukmini put together by different institutions of Ministry of Culture like the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya highlight the variegated legends of Krishna and Rukmini.

### Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

In the episode of the radio broadcast from March month's 'Mann ki Baat', the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had said that the Madhavpur Mela is an amalgamation of cultures of the eastern and western parts of the country, calling the fair an example of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'. ●

# VADNAGAR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: UNEARTHING GUJARAT'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL MARVELS

As part of celebrating 75 years of independence, Government of Gujarat in association with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and UNESCO organised the first Vadnagar International Conference for Promoting Archaeological Heritage and Culture from May 18-20, 2022.

HISTORICAL-CULTURAL ARTIFACTS, relics, and the intangible heritage are not only valuable assets but also serve as the legacy of our ancestors. Governments across the world have long sought to protect and preserve them for various reasons ranging from education to historical research to the desire to reinforce a sense of identity.

Discussions on these issues have increased with time and have helped raise the awareness on the importance of archaeology in modern world. Vadnagar International Conference was one such convention where leading archaeologists from across the globe came to share and exchange new ideas on the current scenario,

best practices and advancements related to promotion and conservation of archaeological heritage.

### Why Vadnagar?

Archaeological excavations for over a decade, supported and reconfirmed by various



oral accounts and inscriptional records acknowledge the significance of Vadnagar as one the most ancient towns of western India. It was one of the earliest fortified towns with continuous human settlement beginning from 4th – 3rd century BCE. Some of the earliest mentions of the region can be traced back to 2nd century CE inscription of Mahakshtrapa Rudradaman and in Skanda Purana as Chamatkarpur. The epic tale of Mahabharata

refers to the town as Anarta Kingdom (Anartapura) in the northern part of present-day Gujarat state.

### Monumental Event

On May 18 which was also the 'World Museum Day', Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the three-day Vadnagar International Conference in the presence of Union Minister of State Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister for Youth and Cultural Activities Shri Harsh Sanghvi, Director and

Representative of UNESCO covering Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka, Mr Eric Falt.

Several archaeologists, historians, students from different universities from India and six other countries also attended the conference held with the intent to facilitate a dialogue and chart out actionable recommendations in archaeological heritage and culture, a total of six session were held.

"Vadnagar is the oldest,

eternal and glorious city of Gujarat and India. It is like the pole star of Aryan civilisation, whose position has remained unchanged even after many ups and downs. Vadnagar has a distinct identity as a carrier of magnificent heritages like Buddhist monasteries, Kirti Toran, Sharmishtha Lake, Samadhi of Tana-Riri," Shri Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, said while addressing the inauguration ceremony.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is doing an excellent job for preservation of its historical and cultural heritage. Archaeological heritage not only gives an overview of the history but also gives a glimpse of the best social, economic, cultural activities and trade of centuries ago," Shri Harsh Sanghvi, Minister for Youth and Cultural Activities Department, Government of Gujarat, said.

### Suggestions made during the Conference

- Contextual archaeology will be very useful in the case of Vadnagar and the surrounding area.
- A very extensive site formation process study should be undertaken. The various resources should be synthesised to understand the site holistically.
- Vast data that is

generated from these processes need to be effectively stored and published.

- Application of geophysical methods are important for minimum destruction of archaeological sites caused by excavation. The methodology of advanced recording techniques should be extended for other sites and typologies.
- When we talk about museums, we need to go beyond objects. How objects help us understand the contribution of our ancestors, should be conveyed to the general population.
- Involvement and participation of communities are essential for the sustenance of the site. But they need to be oriented and trained properly before exploring future possibilities.

### Archaeology Tourism

Archaeological sites and historic places are major tourist attractions worldwide. In the past few years, visits to historical sites have ranked third-after dining in restaurants and shopping- among the activities of tourists travelling abroad. The number of people who visit archaeological sites rises every year, and this increase can have significant negative

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In the past few years, visits to historical sites have gained popularity among tourists. Especially in India, archaeological sites and monuments have served as the backbone of tourism development.

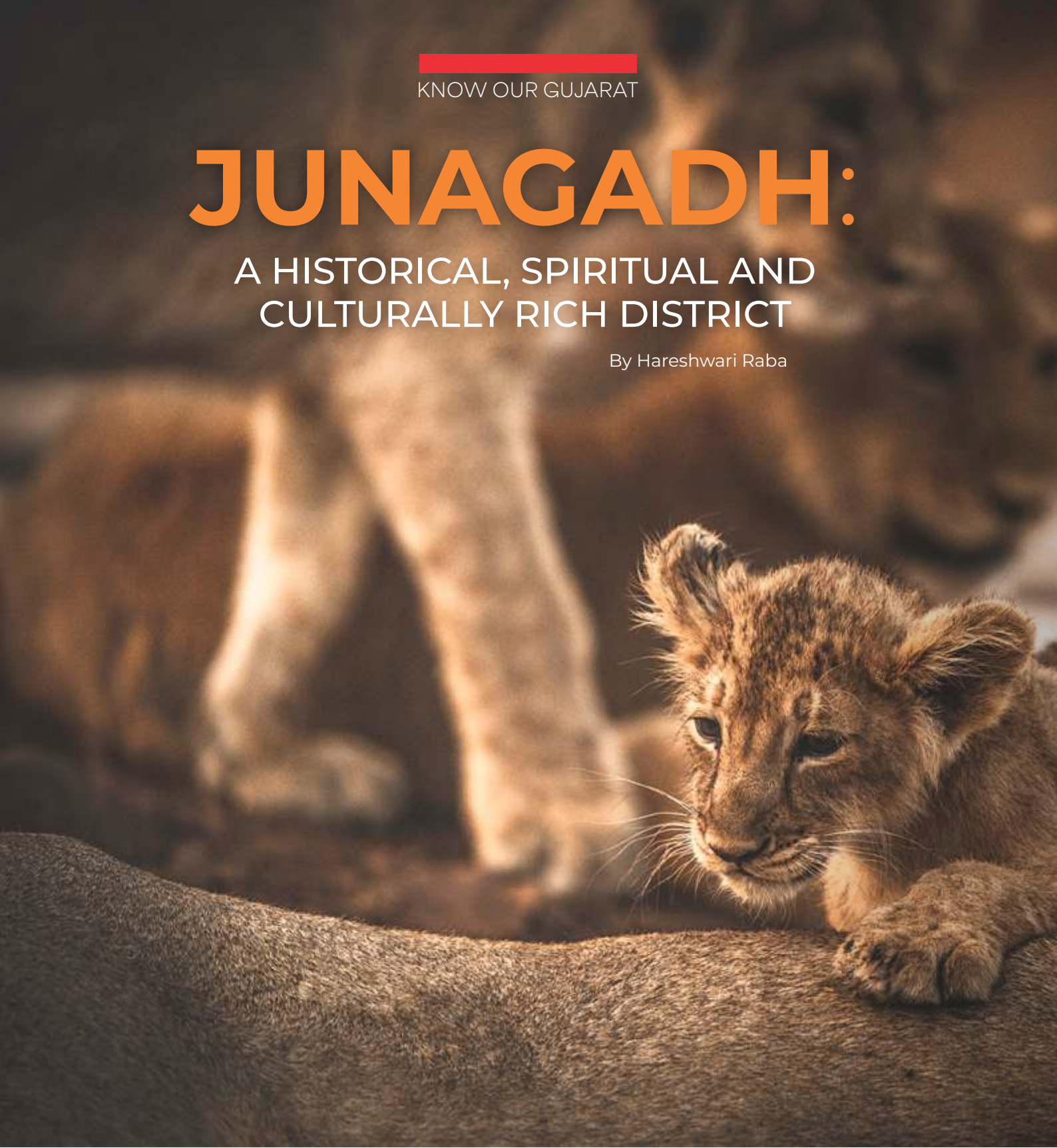
Gujarat is rich in historical remains in shape of temples and heritage sites. The state government has done a remarkable job in preserving these sites and attract foreign tourists. Government of Gujarat also launched 'Heritage Tourism Policy' that allowed opening up of heritage hotels, museums, banquet halls and restaurants inside historic palaces, forts and buildings.

The success of Vadnagar International Conference will further help the archaeological tourism to flourish with the development of few more sites. This will help bring a 2,500-year-old history filled with diverse culture and home to rich archaeological heritage. ●

# JUNAGADH:

A HISTORICAL, SPIRITUAL AND  
CULTURALLY RICH DISTRICT

By Hareshwari Raba



**R**arely do we get to read about 'heritage trees'. Junagadh, a district popular for Girnar hill, old forts and lions is also a landmark destination for some of the oldest trees which it has conserved for years. Ancient names of Junagadh were Karankubj, Manipur, Revant, Chandraketupur, Narendrapur, Girinagar and Puratanpur. After 1820, British government named it Junagadh which is registered by the State and is popular in the public. Junagadh was ruled by several rulers.

## JUNAGADH AT A GLANCE



AREA

5093.36  
sq km



POPULATION

15,27,329



BLOCK

10



VILLAGES

547



LITERACY  
RATE

78.55%



ECONOMIC  
ACTIVITY

**AGRICULTURE &  
ANIMAL  
HUSBANDRY**



AVERAGE  
RAINFALL

913 mm



MAIN  
CROPS

**GROUNDNUT, BAJRI,  
JOWAR, COTTON ,  
SUGARCANE**



Among several historical locations in Gujarat, Junagadh has its unique place. The edicts of Ashok give evidence of 2,500 years ago history. Junagadh has a distinguish charm that experienced in its vibrant land.

During the independence and partition of India and Pakistan in 1947, the 565 princely states that existed under British rule were given a choice of acceding to either India or Pakistan. On September 15, 1947, Nawab Mohammad Mahabat Khanji III of Junagadh, a princely state located on the south-western end of Gujarat and having no common border with Pakistan, chose to accede to Pakistan, arguing that Junagadh adjoined Pakistan by sea. The rulers of two states that were subject to the suzerainty of Junagadh - Mangrol and Babariawad - reacted by declaring their independence from Junagadh and acceding to India.

However, few months later, Junagadh's court, facing collapse, invited the Government of India to take over the state's administration. Pakistan protested but a plebiscite was conducted in February 1948 which went almost unanimously in favour of accession to India. Junagadh became a part of the Indian state of Saurashtra until November 1, 1956, when Saurashtra became part of Bombay state. In 1960, Bombay state was split into the linguistic states of Maharashtra and Gujarat in which Junagadh was located and since then it is a part of Gujarat.

The culture of Junagadh region is very diverse as it is having influence of various dynasties ruled there. This influence is evident in their architecture, festivals, customs and in their arts and crafts. The variety of architectural influences can be seen in the Buddhist Cave Groups, the Chaitya halls, the Navghan Kuvo, Adi-Kadi Vav, Jamia Masjid, the Maqbaras or Nawabs' tombs, and other heritage sites in the city. Their art is showcased even in the clothes the region produces. Bandhani sarees and printed as well as embroidered fabrics are popular here. Beautiful carpets are also popular in Junagadh. A few of the people even specialise in making beaded jewelry. Some of Junagadh's locals are even skilled at producing wooden and marble artifacts. Tourism of Junagadh is enriched with shrubs and strigs of forest with tourist places and religious places. Nature gifted unique biodiversity to this district. Girnar is the centre of faith where Uparkot and Makbara are historical heritage site. This sacred mountain also known as Raivtak Parvata, rising dramatically from the plain is covered with Jain and Hindu temples. Junagadh which has been expanded in the foothills of Girnar is amalgamation of ancient and medieval monuments and heritage with modern infrastructure.

Junagadh has witnessed

Mauryan empire, Maitrak vansh to Kalinga emperors. This influence is evident in the local architecture, festivals, customs as well as their art and craft.

### Girnar

Raivataka, the sacred mountain is home to several Jain and Hindu temples. The 12th century temple of Neminatha, the twenty-second tirthankara in Jainism, is located on this mountain.



Bhavnath Fair which begins on the night of Maha Shivratri is celebrated for five days in the month of Magha (January- February) and brings folk music and throngs of Bhakts to Bhavnath Mahadev temple at Girnar. Local says that Lord Shiva visit this temple during the Maha Shivratri.

Girnar ropeway too has become a major tourist attraction as it eases the lives of devotees especially elders who are no more required to climb up 5,000 steps.

### Uparkot

It is believed that this fort has been built during Mauryan empire. Its premises comprises mosque, old



Buddhist caves and 'Adi-Kadi Vav' and 'Navghan Kuvo'. Tourism Corporation of Gujarat has undertaken the conservation and restoration project of Uparkot, a historical heritage of Junagadh, at a cost of Rs. 45.91 crore.

Restoration works of main entrance in Uparkot, Neelam cannon, Ranak palace, Adi Kadi Vav, Anaaj Kotha, Barood Khana, cycle track as well as of 2.5 km fort are under progress. Some of the relics and monuments in Uparkot which were not accessible to public due to years of soil filling will be now accessible to the public and scholars due to the initiative of the state government.

### Damodar Kund

Damodar Kund is one of the sacred lakes as per Hindu





beliefs, which is located at the foothills of Girnar hills. It is considered holy as per Hindu mythology and many Hindus prefer to bathe and immerse the ashes and the bones left after cremation are floated for the feeling of 'Moksha' of the departed soul.

### **Tulsi Shyam**

Tulsi Shyam Temple is a tourist centre that is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. The temple is found in the center of Gir and lies about 30 km from the Una Town. Known peculiarly for its great scenic beauty, the temple has beautiful hot water springs which are referred to as 'Taptodak' in the Puranas. Legend says that Lord Shri Krishna killed the demon named Tul and hence the place is associated with his name along with the name of Krishna as Shyama and is hence called the Tulsi Shyam Temple.

The temple is believed to be seven hundred years old. You need to climb 100 steep steps to reach the temple.

### **Ashoka Edicts**

On the route of Mount Girnar hills, 14 edicts of Ashoka are located. The great emperor Ashoka had carved spiritual message on huge stone and carved it in Brahmi Script in Pali Language. According to experts it has Buddhism significance.



### **Mahabat Khan Maqbara:**

Mahabat Maqbara is a stunning mausoleum of Nawab Mahabat Khan II of Junagadh (1851–82). In Mahabat Maqbara Palace, there is also a mausoleum of Bahauddin Hussain Bhar who was the minister of Nawab Mahabat Khan.

### **Willingdon Dam**

The dam is built on the river Kalwa at the foot of the hill from where it originates. It was built as a reservoir for drinking water for the people of Junagadh. It was named



after Lord Willingdon, the then Governor of India.

### **Sakkarbaug Zoo**

Sakkarbaug Zoological Garden also known as Sakkarbaug Zoo or Junagadh Zoo is a 200-hectare (490-acre) zoo that

opened in 1863 at Junagadh, Gujarat, India. The zoo provides purebred Asiatic lions for the Indian and the international endangered species captive breeding program for the critically endangered species. Wild free ranging Asiatic lions have become extinct over most of Asia and are today found only in the nearby Gir Forest.

### **Gir Forests**

Gir National Park is the only place in the world outside Africa where a lion can be



seen in its natural habitat. The lions of Gir are a majestic animal, averaging 2.75 metres in length, and with a bigger tail tassel, bushier elbow tufts and prominent belly folds than his African cousin which has larger mane. Gir is a home to 37 species of mammals and 300 species of birds.

The sanctuary was set up in 1965 and 259 sq-km area was declared as a National Park in 1975. Since the late 1960, lion numbers have been increased from less than 200 to 674. ●

# DINOSAUR MUSEUM RAIYOLI – BALASINOR

By Hetal Dave

**S**teven Spielberg made a film 'Jurassic Museum' in 1993. When people watched it they were so much fascinated and imagined how it would be watching dinosaur in real life. What dinosaur would eat, their life-habitat, their weight all these questions made them curious. As a result a Dinosaur Museum is being situated in Raiyoli of Mahisagar District. This is country's first and world's third fossil park-Dinosaur Museum. This dinosaur museum with live fossils on display, giant caricature of dinosaurs will not only attract the attention of tourists but will also boost the tourism sector.

A large, green, scaly dinosaur model, possibly a Spinosaurus, is the central focus of the image. It is positioned in a lush, green forest with tall trees and a clear sky. The dinosaur's body is covered in detailed scales, and its head is partially visible on the left side. The overall scene is vibrant and naturalistic.

## **COUNTRY'S FIRST AND WORLD'S THIRD FOSSIL PARK-DINOSAUR MUSEUM IN RAIYOLI**

This museum has hologram 5-D theatre, digital forest, 360 degree virtual reality, experiment lab, semi-circular projection, mood light and 3-D projection mapping. The story of how the land of Gujarat was in-habited by Rajasaurus and other dinosaurs with detail explanation of every era, the evolution, their food and their way of living is meant to give knowledge to tourists visiting Raiyoli Dinosaur Museum.

Tourists are also allowed to click selfies for capturing this wonderful experience and share them with their fellow members. This fossil park and museum is constructed worth 16.50 crore and recently our Chief Minister Shri. Bhupendra Patel has inaugurated Phase-Two of this project.


Due to the natural beauty of Mahisagar district this museum will show the glimpse of India as a proud nation. This museum will not only boost economy of Mahisagar district but it will also provide employment opportunities to the local residents. This park will attract not only tourist but also archaeologists and subject matter experts of the field. A souvenir shop is also arranged where tourists will find eggs, t-shirts, bags, caps and dinosaur miniatures. ●

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