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પ્રકાશક: એનઆરજી ફાઉન્ડેશન, ગાંધીનગર

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## ગુજરાતે ઔદ્યોગિક વિકાસમાં નિર્ણાયક પ્રગતિ કરી છે: ઉદ્યોગમંત્રી

વડોદરા: ફેડરેશન ઓફ ગુજરાત ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ વડોદરાના ૨૦૦૭-૨૦૦૮ના વર્ષ માટે નિયુક્ત થયેલા સભ્યોનો પદ્મચક્ર વિધિ આજ રોજ ઉદ્યોગ રાજ્યમંત્રીશ્રી અનિલભાઈ પટેલની ઉપસ્થિતિમાં વડોદરા ખાતે યોજાયો હતો.

આ પ્રસંગે વક્તવ્ય આપતાં મંત્રીશ્રીએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, ગુજરાતમાં આવેલા વિનાશક ભૂકંપ પછી હવે ગુજરાતમાં શું થશે, ગુજરાતનો વિકાસ કેવી રીતે કરી શકાશે એવી ચિંતાઓ રાજ્ય સરકારને સતાવતી હતી. પરંતુ મુખ્યમંત્રીશ્રી નરેન્દ્રભાઈ મોદીના શાસનમાં ગુજરાતમાં ૨૦૦૩, ૨૦૦૫ અને ૨૦૦૭ના વર્ષોમાં યોજાયેલ વાઈબ્રન્ટ ગુજરાત

સમીટમાં ગુજરાતમાં ઉદ્યોગોના રોકાણ માટે કરોડો રૂપિયાના એમઓયુ થયા છે અને ઉદ્યોગો શરૂ થઈ રહ્યા છે. સમગ્ર દેશમાં ઔદ્યોગિક વિકાસની દિશામાં ગુજરાતે નોંધપાત્ર પ્રગતિ કરી છે.

શ્રી પટેલે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, નેશનલ પ્લાનીંગ કમિશને ઉદ્યોગોના વિકાસ માટેનો જે લક્ષ્યાંક આપ્યો હતો તેની નજીક આપણે પહોંચી શક્યા છીએ. સમગ્ર દેશમાં ગુજરાત જ એકમાત્ર એવું રાજ્ય છે કે જ્યાં જ્યોતિગ્રામ યોજના હેઠળ આપણે ૨૪ કલાક વીજળી પૂરી પાડીએ છીએ. ઉદ્યોગોના વિકાસ માટે વીજળી અને આનુસંગિક જરૂરિયાતો ખૂબ મહત્વની છે અને આ તમામ

ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર ગુજરાતમાં ઉદ્યોગોનો વિકાસ ઝડપી બન્યો છે. સ્પેશિયલ ઈકોનોમીક ઝોન-એસઈઝેડમાં ઉદ્યોગોના વિકાસ માટેની આંતરમાળખાકીય સુવિધાઓ ઉપલબ્ધ થતાં ગુજરાત ઔદ્યોગિક વિકાસના ક્ષેત્રમાં તેજ ગતીથી આગળ વધી રહ્યું છે.

શ્રી પટેલે જણાવ્યું કે, ગુજરાત પાસે ૧૬૦૦ કિ.મી. લાંબો દરિયાકિનારો, રસ્તાની સારી સુવિધાઓ, ગેસ ગ્રીડ લાઈન, સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગો અને કોમ્યુનિકેશનના ક્ષેત્રમાં જીસ્વાન જેવી સુવિધાઓ ઉદ્યોગોના વિકાસ માટેની પુરક બાબતો છે. ગુજરાતમાં થયેલા

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## વતબની વાટે...



ભરૂચ જિલ્લાના કેલવીકુવા ગામ પાસે રઘુવીરભાઈ કેવડભાઈ ભગત તરફથી પુલ અને રોડના બાંધકામ માટે રૂપિયા ૧૬ લાખનું અનુદાન મળેલ છે.

## GIDC PLANS TO PUMP IN RS 300 CRORE FOR DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE

The decade-long state project for industrial development in Surendranagar seems to be shaping up, finally. Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) is considering plans to invest close to Rs 300 crore in a phased manner to develop modern infrastructure facilities in view of setting up nearly 400 units, sources informed. For this project, the state government has identified a total land of 800 hectares near Wadhwan industrial estate, totalling up to 956 hectares. Though the move comes after a long wait, it has cheered the local units of Wadhwan industrial estate. The association has urged the state to build modernised industrial estate in the proposed 800 hectares, where 25% of land would be covered by township projects and basic amenities for working staff. The development of infrastructure like roads, water supply, electricity and other basic amenities would take three years.

The government has been actively working on providing continuous water for domestic and industrial usage and electricity for the existing as well as proposed units. For long, Wadhwan industrial estate has been left out for industrial development, feel the local industries. Due to lack of basic infrastructure facilities, many units had shifted their gears to other places. (Source : The Economic Times : 3rd May, 07)



## Nirmal Gujarat: Gujarat Ranks Third in Country

Nirmal Gujarat Abhiyan of Gujarat Government has fruitful. Recently 'Sampurna Swachhata Abhiyan' organized by the central government.

Gujarat ranks third among the all states in the country while Maharashtra ranked first while Uttar Pradesh ranked second with 475 villages. Out of 1,956 Nirmal Gujarat villages, the Centre choose 381 villages from the Gujarat for the campaign. On May 4 2007 all the Sarpanch

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## NRI Wealth Exceeds Indian GDP

The combined wealth of the 23-million strong non-resident Indians community is estimated to be over one trillion dollars—more than India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of about 850 billion dollars.

Overseas Indians are estimated to hold financial wealth, apart from real estate, gold and art, of over 500 billion dollars. The total wealth would be over one trillion dollars, according to the report by High-Powered Expert Committee (HPEC) appointed by the Indian Government to suggest ways to make Mumbai an international financial centre.

These NRIs were a natural beachhead as a customer base where an Indian Personal Wealth Management (PWM) industry can get started. Their wealth management services

were presently being sourced almost exclusively from abroad, the report said.

The report listed 11 activities typically provided by an international financial centre (IFC) and referred to PWM as one of the most important activities undertaken at an IFC. According to the report, PWM for high-net worth individuals is estimated to involve management of personal assets of 8-10 trillion dollars globally.

The report said although products and services for PWM were provided in established IFCs, it was more skewed toward specialized PWM-IFCs located in the Channel Islands, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Monaco and Lichtenstein.

These specialized PWM-IFCs cater to clients from

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- With the help of ganthia jhara (special perforated ladle), press a little batter at a time into the hot oil and deep fry for 1 minute. Repeat with the rest of the batter.
- Serve hot with ganthia chutney.

### FOR THE GANTHIA CHUTNEY : INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1/2 teacups sliced green papaya
- 3 tablespoons oil
- a pinch asafetida
- salt to taste
- 1-1/2 teacups slit green chillies
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 3 tablespoons gram flour(besan)

### METHOD FOR THE GANTHIA CHUTNEY

- Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a vessel and fry the mustard seeds
- Add the asafetida, papaya and green chillies, 3/4 teacup of water and salt.
- Cook for 2 minutes.
- Apply the remaining oil to the gram flour and rub very well. Sprinkle this gram flour on the papaya a green chillies mixture.
- Cover and cook for 5 minutes. Mix well. Serve hot.

An ideal accompaniment to *jalebis* or sweets.

### INGREDIENTS

- 500 grams (1-1/8 lb.) gram flour (besan)
- 1-1/2 level teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon coarsely powdered black pepper
- 8 tablespoons oil. Oil for deep frying
- 1 teaspoon papad khar
- 2 inches asafetida
- 1 teaspoon ajwain

### METHOD

- Heat 1 teacup of water in a vessel, add the papad khar and salt and boil until the solids dissolve.
- Sieve the gram flour and add the asafetida, pepper powder, ajwain and oil.
- Rub the oil into the besan thoroughly
- Add the salt solution and a little extra water and make a soft dough



## Tourist Place:

## The Glory of Patan

The glory of Patan reached its zenith during the Solanki period the golden age of Gujarat. During these years, the city was a great place of learning and a prosperous trading center. The rulers were great patrons of fine arts and architecture and undertook construction of many civic and religious edifices in the city. The Jain text, 'Kumarpala Rasa', describes Patan as a prosperous fortified town; 18 miles in circumference with 84 town squares, 52 bazaars, mints of gold and silver, well laid gardens with fountains and trees, grammar school of Sanskrit and Prakrit, numerous Hindu and Jain temples and Sahastralinga Talav.

After last Vaghela ruler, Karan Ghelo lost to Ulugh Khan in 1289 AD, the Muslims plundered the town, destroyed the temples and ruined the entire city. Today, one can barely find the traces of such a magnificent town. The most significant monuments in Patan are Rani ki Vav, Sahastralinga Talav and Khan Sarovar. Rani ki Vav is an excellent example of subterranean architecture of Gujarat. This Vav was constructed by Udaymati, the queen of Bhimdev (1022-63 AD). The exquisitely carved side walls, pillars, beams, series of steps and platforms lead to the elaborately carved water well. Every surface is adorned with finely chiselled sculptures of maidens and Hindu deities, religious motifs and geometrical patterns. Rani ki Vav represents the finest of the Indian sculptures and architecture.

Sahastralinga Talav is among the many artificial tanks built in different parts of Gujarat, under the patronage of Siddhraj Jaisinh (1093-1143 AD). The architecture of this tank integrated the great sense of water management and sanctity of water in Hindu religion. The tank used to receive water from a canal of the Saraswati river and had spread of about five km with masonry embankments. There were thousand Shiva Shrines on the edge of the tank. Some remains of the same are even visible today. Looking at the ruins, one can imagine the grandeur of this great water tank. The famous legend of Siddhraj Jaisinh's desire for Jasma Odan, a beautiful woman of the tank diggers' community, revolves around this tank. She refused to marry him and committed sati to protect her honour. It is believed that her curse made this tank waterless and the king without a heir to the kingdom of Gujarat.

Khan Sarovar, located outside South Gate, is a water tank from Solanki period with stone steps and masonry. Mirza Aziz Kokah (1589 AD) renovated this tank using the stones from ruined structures. There are at least 100 Jain temples in Patan; the most important to visit is the Mahavir Swami Derasar in Dhandherwad with exquisitely carved wooden dome. The important Hindu temples are Kalika Mata, Sindhwai Mata, Harihareshwar Mahadev and Brahma Kund. ([www.gujarattourism.com](http://www.gujarattourism.com))

## Nirmal Gujarat....

of selected villages were attended a function. And Sarpanch from across the country will be given awards under the Centre-sponsored programme. All the 381 villages had achieved cent-per-cent target in 2006-07 as per the various parameters set by the Union Rural Development Ministry to claim the "Nirmal Gam Award" floated by the Ministry. Among the 381 villages, Bhavnagar (97) Vadodara (39), the Panchmahals (38), Surendranagar (32), Dahod (25), Patan (23) and Anand (21). The State Government will planning to add 17,619 villages under Nirmal Gujarat scheme.

## NRI Wealth Exceeds...

European Union and Africa, the Caribbean offshore centers for the clients of US and Latin America, Bahrain and Dubai for the Middle East and Singapore, Hong Kong and some pacific island offshore centers for East and North Asia.

With the rupee appreciating sharply, the Indian economy crossed the US\$1 trillion mark in May 2007 making it the 12th country to achieve the milestone, according to Credit Suisse.

India's foreign-exchange reserves crossed \$200 billion for the first time on April 6, as per the data released by the apex bank, the Reserve Bank

of India. Seventeen years ago, India's forex reserves were barely \$1 billion. The reserves at the end of December 2003 totaled \$100 billion.

The World Bank's Global Economic Prospects for 2006 reported that India for the first time overtook China as the nation whose workforce remits the highest amounts, an indication that Indians have emerged as the top "alien" workforce. According to industry figures, the country's top five software firms, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, Satyam and HCL Technologies, alone added more than 23,000 employees to their payrolls in the last quarter of 2006. This year they are expected to hire

100,000 more.

Indian retail is coming of age and set to generate \$430 billion from the current \$328 billion with the entry of big players such as Bharti-Wal-Mart and Reliance and some other foreign players, says a report by a leading industry lobby, the Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

According to the report, more than \$30 billion of investment is likely to be made in the next five to seven years. This exponential growth is expected to generate 18 million jobs, thereby becoming the second-largest employment-generating sector after agriculture. (Source: [www.gopio.net](http://www.gopio.net))

## ગુજરાતે ઔદ્યોગિક....

ઔદ્યોગિક વિકાસને લીધે ગુજરાતના લોકોની ખરીદ શક્તિમાં વધારો થયો છે એમ તેમના જીવનધોરણમાં પણ બદલાવ આવ્યો છે. તેર હજાર કરોડ રૂપિયાની સાગરખેડુ યોજનાનો મંત્રીશ્રીએ ઉલ્લેખ કરતાં ગામડાના વિકાસ માટે છેલ્લાં ત્રણ વર્ષથી કૃષિ મહોત્સવની ઉજવણીના આયોજન દ્વારા ખેડૂતોને નિષ્ણાતો દ્વારા કૃષિ અંગેનું માર્ગદર્શન આપવામાં આવે છે તેની વિસ્તૃત જાણકારી આપી હતી. ઉદ્યોગમંત્રીશ્રીએ ભારત અને ગુજરાતના વિકાસ માટે સૌએ સહયોગ પ્રયાસો કરવા ઉપર ભાર મૂક્યો હતો. ફેડરેશન ઓફ ગુજરાત ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝના ભૂતપૂર્વ પ્રમુખશ્રીઓનું મોમેન્ટો આપી મંત્રીશ્રીના હસ્તે સન્માન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.