

# એનઆરજી ટાઈમ્સ પાક્ષિક

## Obama's win will boost Kenya's image: Modi



The victory of Democratic nominee Barack Obama in the the US Presidential elections will have its impact on Kenya, feels Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

Modi, who toured Kenya and Uganda from November 17 to 19, said at a meeting: "Each and every Kenyan feels Obama belongs to them. This simple feeling can generate tremendous energy to the Kenya society to work even harder, boost conference services and the country's political image. The feeling of being Kenyan now has a high value and can change the country." Asserting that Kenya stood to benefit if it "generated these emotions into a powerful force that will provide a breakthrough for development of Kenyan society," the Gujarat chief minister said that the two countries could work together to boost small-scale industries, infrastructure development, energy, Information and Communications Technology and mineral exploration. Modi observed that Kenya was a safe destination for investment and that Business Processing Outsourcing was one of the areas it could partner with India. (Source: <http://ia.rediff.com>, Photograph: Sam Pathanky/AFP/Getty Images)



## New visionary Health care Social Infrastructer Project for Ahmedabad Civil Hospital

•Project Cost Rs. 911 Crores •Total health care qualitative changes •Ahmedabad Civil Hospital with 5150 bed capacity will be biggest Health care complex in Asia Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced that the state government had undertaken a most modern and visionary health care services Project for Renovation and Restructuring Reformation of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital at the cost of Rs. 911.68 Crores. This will be Gujarat government's innovative initiative in bringing qualitative changes in the social health infrastructure of Ahmedabad civil Hospital which will go a long way in strenghtening Health-Care Social infrastructure Sectors. The Project would be concluded in three phases ending Gujarat Golden Jubilee year-2010, he said. The Chief Minister said that Gujarat has witnessed rapid and sustained growth, with NO-1 in Development. (Source: Gujarat Information Bureau, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.)

## Opportunity to state pharma and chemical sector to demonstrate strength

Under the aegis of Vibrant Gujarat 2009, a three-day exhibition is planned in Ahmedabad in March, 2009. The event - InformEx India 2009 jointly organised by the State Government, United Business Media and the industry is expected to bring about 150 companies and 8000 participants on one platform and would provide immense opportunities to the pharmaceutical industry in widening their network and increasing exports, said State Health and Family Welfare Minister. A high profile conclave of CEOs from pharmaceutical and chemical industries will be held on January 13, 2009, during Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summit 2009, which will be followed by InformEx India 2009, a government official said. An MoU was signed by Gujarat Government, United Business Media and pharmaceutical and chemical industry for

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## NEW IMMIGRATION RULES ALLOW INDIANS TO WORK IN SWEDEN

Swedish Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy Tobias Billstrom who visited India in the first week of November informed Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Vayalar Ravi about the changes in the immigration rules which would allow Indian workers to seek work opportunities in his country.

There is a shortage of manpower due to ageing of Swedish population. Both the business and public sectors are having difficulty recruiting workers to fill the vacancies. Swedish Minister Billstrom, besides meeting with the MOIA minister, also called upon Home Minister Shivraj Patil and Labour Minister Oscar Fernandes and apprised them of reforms in the immigration laws of his country. He also visited some business houses in Delhi, Pune and Mumbai and met with the executives of chambers of commerce. Indian students who want to extend their stay after the completion of their studies, have completed one semester or one term of research education at any institute of higher education and want to work in Sweden, would be eligible to apply for work and residence permit.

(Source: [www.gopio.net](http://www.gopio.net))

The Government of Gujarat is organizing the 4th Global Investors' Summit on 12-13 January 2009. Aimed at bringing together business leaders, investors, corporations, thought leaders, policy and opinion makers; the summit serves as a perfect platform to understand and explore business opportunities in the State of Gujarat.



A biennial event, Vibrant Gujarat: Global Investors' Summit has had resounding successes in the past attracting several companies from Asia and Europe to establish their presence in Gujarat. The 2003 Global Investors' Summit was held coinciding with the glorious Navratri

Festival where a total of 76 MOUs worth USD 14 billion were signed. The 2005 Summit saw signing of 226 MOUs garnering an investment of USD 20 billion. The year 2007 Summit, attended by industry majors like Tata, Birla, Reliance, Shell, General Motors, ICICI to name a few resulted in signing of 675 MOUs worth USD 152 billion. In the year 2009, the initiative that began six years ago, will be intensified and the state shall propel in to the next stage of the development process. focused and intensive growth in the socio-economic index. (Source: <http://www.vibrantgujarat.com>)

## Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2009 - First Time in Chennai



7-9 January 2009, Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai

The annual Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention provides a much needed platform to the Overseas Indian Community for exchange of views on ways and means to fulfill their aspirations and expectations from the land of their ancestors. It also provides opportunities for exploring mutually beneficial trade & business relationships and for networking among the community. Celebration of the day every year symbolizes the continued interest of the government of India in the progress and well-being of the Overseas Indian Community. The 7<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is scheduled to be held at the Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai from 07-09 January 2009. Organised by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in partnership with the State Government of Tamil Nadu and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), it would be the first PBD Convention organised in Chennai.

Among other things, the 7<sup>th</sup> PBD Convention would have sessions on the preservation of Diaspora language and culture and the importance of Diaspora as facilitators and bridge builders. The highlights of PBD 2009 include an Exhibition on Trade & Industry, live demonstrations by craftsmen, cultural evenings and post convention tours. The Convention would be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The President of India would deliver the valedictory address and also confer Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards for 2009 on 9<sup>th</sup> January. (Source: <http://www.pbdindia.org/brief.html>)

**Opportunity to state...**organising the exhibition. Various associations viz.. IDMA, PHARMEXCIL, CAMA ISMA, IPA and BDMA are expected to actively participate in the event, the sources informed. Euro Group to set up 100 MW solar project. (Source: <http://www.vibrantgujarat.com>)

## Obama Picks up NRI Sonal Shah for his Team



Sonal Shah as part of transition team

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A NRI Sonal Shah has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Obama-Biden Transition team. Sonal Shah, 40, an economist is well known in the Indian-American community for her involvement with the non-profit Indicorps that she founded. She was earlier with Goldman Sachs, and is presently with Google.org, the philanthropic arm of internet behemoth Google. Sonal has been earlier also been with the liberal think-tank Center for American Progress.

Shah's experience as a senior adviser to the under secretary and assistant secretary at the Treasury Department during the Asian financial crisis makes her an asset on the Obama's team as the President-elect grapples with the economic crisis gripping the US. At the Treasury Department, Shah also worked on various economic issues and regions of the world, and served as the director of African nations, covering sub-Saharan Africa. Sonal Shah was born in Mumbai and went to the US with her father Ramesh Shah in 1970. (Source: <http://www.nriol.com>)



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