

એનઆરજી ટાઈમ્સ

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Gujarat to set up metropolitan planning committees

The Gujarat government has decided to set up metropolitan planning committees for the development of major cities like Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot. The committees would prepare the development plan of the cities and look into drinking water and infrastructure issues,

according to an official statement here.

The committee would be headed by the minister in charge of the district, and the chairman of the urban authority, district collector, municipal commissioner, district development officer would be its members.

The urban development

authority CEO would act as the member secretary of the committee.

Two-thirds of the elected members of nagarpalika and panchayats would comprise committee. The MP and MLA of the area and president of district panchayat would be permanent invitees.

(www.nerve.in)

India to Recognize Foreign Medical Post Graduate Degrees

The Government of India took a significant step to recognize the postgraduate medical degrees from five countries, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. However, the holders of the recognized

postgraduate degrees must be eligible to do practice in government as well as in private sectors in their respective countries. The decision of the government to recognize foreign degrees in medicine would help Indian doctors in the UK who are not eligible to seek jobs under the new immigration rules. They could return to India and start their practice.

Government of India has already recognized the medical degrees of Myanmar, Italy, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Japan, and Hong Kong to expand the chances of Indian students to pursue the medical course from these countries. (<http://www.gopio.net>)

NRIs in the gulf to get facilitation centre

The Indian government will soon establish a facilitation centre in the Indian Mission in Dubai. According to a Press Trust of India report, the facilitation centre will provide legal, medical and financial counselling services to the Indian expatriates in the Gulf.

This information was made by the Union Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Vayalar Ravi in Panaji. Speaking at the conference on the Indian expatriates in Gulf countries held at a city hotel and organised by the office of the Commission for NRI Affairs, Mr Ravi said that his ministry has established an Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre as a not-for-profit trust in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry and it would be a one-stop shop for the diaspora seeking to invest in India and facilitate business and business partnerships by providing reliable and real-time information.

He said to make higher education accessible to the children of overseas Indians his ministry has launched a scholarship scheme in 2006-07 in which 100 scholarship are provided each year to children of expatriates to undertake undergraduate courses in different disciplines in the country.

Lauding the role played by NRIs in the development of their country, the Union Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs promised to do everything in his power to help streamline immigration procedures and look after the interests of the Indian expatriates all over the world. (www.nriol.com)

Investment by NRI

The total FDI inflow (including NRI investment) during 2007-2008 (upto Feb, 2008) is US \$ 20.1 billion. However, segregated data on NRI investment is not centrally maintained.

Government has put in place a liberal and transparent policy for FDI, including investments from NRIs, wherein most of the sectors are open to FDI under the automatic route. In addition, the policy allows special dispensation for NRI investments in the real estate and housing and in domestic airlines sectors.

In the real estates & housing sector, as per Press Note 4 (2006), investment by NRIs is exempt from the conditions of minimum capitalization, minimum area development etc. specified in Press Note 2 (2005). As per Press Note 4 (2008) (copy available on DIPP website) NRI investment upto 100% is permitted on the automatic route for the following activities.

- Scheduled Air Transport Services/Domestic Scheduled Passenger Airline Non-Scheduled air Transport Service/Non-Scheduled airlines, Chartered airlines and cargo airlines.
- Ground Handling Services subject to sectoral regulations and security clearances.

This information was given by the Minister of Overseas India Affairs, Shri Vayalar Ravi in a written reply to a question, in the Lok Sabha today. (www.pib.nic.in)

વતનની વાટે...

એનઆરજી દ્વારા વતન સેવાના કામ માટે મળેલ દાનની વિગત



અમેરિકા સ્થિત મૂળનિવાસી શલાદી (જિ. ખેડા)ના શ્રી રામભાઈ શંકરભાઈ પટેલ તરફથી હોસ્પિટલ - લેબોરેટરી બનાવવા માટે ૪.૭૦ લાખનું અનુદાન મળેલ છે.

Tourist Place:

Diu



Across Ahmedpur Mandvi lies the island of Diu, a sensuous blend of sun, sand and deep blue sea. Diu is situated 125 kms. from Junagadh.

It is one of the country's finest beaches, and tourists who keep falling in love with it have spread its name all over

the world.

The island is also dotted by three Portuguese churches one which has been converted into a museum housing some rare Portuguese artifacts.

Another cynosure at Diu is the Fort of Diu, an imposing statement of power.

Diu is a quiet secluded island measuring less than 40 sq.km. Off the west coast of India, it is connected to the mainland of Gujarat by a causeway. The total length of the coastline of Diu does not exceed 21 km.

This beautiful island in the Arabian Sea has the river

Chasi running along its northern frontier. It's neat golden beaches run along merrily providing blissful solitude in blue waters beneath blue skies.

A former Portuguese enclave, Diu is perhaps the most exotic destination on the West Coast of India. Gently rocked by the winds and waves of the Arabian Sea, Diu is an ideal retreat. It offers the most desirable blend of sun, sand and sea. The climate is pleasant throughout the year. Nobody and nothing is in a hurry. Here you will find undisturbed peace and a unique holiday.

- Gangeswar Temple
- Navlakha Parshvanath Temple
- Jama Masjid
- Diu Museum

Air : Nearest airport is Junagadh, which is connected to Mumbai via Keshod, Porbandar and Rajkot.

Rail : It is well connected to Rajkot, Veraval and Ahmedabad.



SHRIKHAND



- To prepare 12 kg Shrikhand take double quantity of milk, i.e. 2 liters of milk. Warm the milk and allow it to cool. Take 2 tbsp. of curd (it should not be sour). Start it through a sieve and mix well with the milk. If the milk is set for curds in the night, it will set by morning (if warm milk is set the curd will be watery and therefore for Shrikhand the milk should be cool). Whole milk gives good result.
- Take a large thali and spread a thick cloth and carefully take the curd from its vessel with a large spoon and place the chunks of dahi on the cloth. Put the thali at a slope so that all the water drains out, cover it with another cloth and leave for 1-1/2 hours. After the water is drained out gather all the curd on the cloth and put some weight – a wooden board on a thali and leave for another hour or so, so that all the extra water is drained out. This is called Maska.
- Take 350 grams of sugar and mix it to the Maska and leave aside so that all the sugar will get dissolved and then strain it through a fine stainless steel sieve or a thin muslin cloth.
- Sprinkle elaichi, jaiphal powder and mix well for dressing put charoli and rose petals. If coloured shrikhand is to be served you can mix saffron. Saffron should be pre-dissolved in 1 tbsp. of hot milk and mix well. Serve it with hot puris. By adding fresh fruit pieces it can be served as fruit shrikhand-fruits like, pineapple, apple, mango, grapes, etc.

WHAT TO SEE

- Nagoa Beach
- Fortress of Panikot
- St. Paul's Church
- Jallandhar Shrine

Road : Luxury and Semi luxury buses (private and state transport) are easily available. Cars of various types are also available on hire.

Source : www.gujarattourism.com)

બ્રિટનના ટોપ ટેનમાં મૂળ ગુજરાતી ફંડ મેનેજર સંજય પટેલનો સમાવેશ

લંડન: બ્રિટનના વ્યાપાર વિશ્વમાં નોંધપાત્ર દેખાવ કરનાર ભારતીય મૂળના ફક્ત લક્ષ્મી મિત્તલ અને અરુણ સરીન જ નથી, ભારતીય મૂળની અન્ય કેટલીક વ્યક્તિઓએ પણ બ્રિટનના વ્યાપાર ક્ષેત્રમાં ટોચનું સ્થાન મેળવ્યું છે.

વિશ્વની ઈન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ બેંકિંગ જાયન્ટ ગોલ્ડમેન સચના સિનિયર એક્ઝિક્યુટીવ સંજય પટેલ જે ભારતીય મૂળના છે તેને બ્રિટનના ૨૦ જેટલા સૌથી વધુ શક્તિશાળી ફંડ મેનેજરોની યાદીમાં સ્થાન મળ્યું છે. ડેઈલી ટેલિગ્રાફે તૈયાર કરેલી હેજ ફંડ, પ્રાઈવેટ ઈક્વિટી અને ફંડ મેનેજમેન્ટ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીના ટોચની ૧૦૦ વ્યક્તિની યાદીમાં સંજય પટેલનો ક્રમ ૧૮મો છે.

ટેલિગ્રાફ બ્રિટનના બિઝનેસમાંની એક હજાર પાવરફુલ વ્યક્તિઓની યાદી તૈયાર કરી તેને દસ ક્ષેત્રમાં વિભાજિત કરે છે. પ્રત્યેક ક્ષેત્રની ૧૦૦ વ્યક્તિની યાદીની જાહેરાત બે સપ્તાહમાં કરે છે. અત્યાર સુધી જાહેર થયેલી યાદીમાં રીટેલ અને ફૂડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ, એનર્જી અને યુટિલિટીઝ, બેંકિંગ અને ઈન્શ્યુરન્સ, મીડિયા અને એન્ટરટેઈનમેન્ટ, ટેકનોલોજી અને ટેલિકોમ, ફંડ મેનેજમેન્ટ અને પ્રોપર્ટીનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. હવે પછી ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રી, ફાર્મા, હેલ્થકેર અને પબ્લિક સેક્ટરની યાદી જાહેર થશે.