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## President's Message

# Strength and Resolve: Navigating New Horizons for Surat

*“Strength is the foundation of success, and unity is the path to progress”*

Surat has always been a city that defines resilience. This past month at SGCCI has been a testament to our collective capability and our unyielding resolve to lead the global trade narrative. As we look back at April 2026, we see a series of milestones that have not only strengthened our internal ecosystem but have also projected Surat as a global economic powerhouse.

The high-level dialogue with Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reaffirmed our role as the **‘Wealth Creators’** of the nation. His message was clear: in an era of global uncertainty, India stands as a beacon of stability, and Surat is its primary engine. By pioneering the nation’s first **AI-Driven** Speed Business Networking Conclave, we proved that our industries are ready for the digital revolution. Generating 2584 business leads in a single session is not just a metric; it is proof of our technological adaptability and collaborative spirit.

Our strategic pivot from **‘Profit to Wealth Creation’** is now bearing fruit. Facilitating institutional funding—such as the 90 Crore PE deal for local enterprises—and preparing our members for the India-UK FTA are deliberate steps toward our goal of a 50% export surge by 2030. We are

transitioning from being local traders to becoming professionally managed, globally competitive entities. However, our leadership is not defined by balance sheets alone. Whether



**Nikhil Madrasi**  
President

it was advocating for the welfare of our migrant workforce at Udhna station or empowering women entrepreneurs at Jaguar Navjivan, we remain a socially conscious organization. Our health series on **‘Hormonal Reset’** underscores our belief that a productive nation starts with healthy individuals.

Let us carry this momentum forward, uniting our strengths to transform Surat into the world’s most vibrant and sustainable business destination.

With Gratitude,  
Nikhil Madrasi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N.H. Madrasi".

President, SGCCI

## Vice President's Message

### Operational Efficiency & Implementation: Impact at the Grassroots

The month of April stands as a testament to our administrative agility and the successful execution of our strategic goals. While leadership provides the direction, it is the meticulous implementation by our various committees that defines the real impact of our efforts. I believe that an organization's true success is measured by the practical value and financial security it offers to its members.



**Ashok Jirawala**  
Vice President

Our primary focus this month has been to provide hands-on experience and operational clarity to our entrepreneurs. The industrial visit to 'Nirant Creations' allowed our members to witness large-scale manufacturing and quality control firsthand. To safeguard the interests of our exporters in a volatile global economy, we organized intensive sessions with ECGC and DGFT, ensuring that Surat's traders are well-protected against financial risks and informed about the upcoming India-UK FTA.

We have consistently strived for inclusive growth. The high-energy business presentation meets at Jaguar Navjivan and the 'Power of Gratitude' sessions by the Women Entrepreneur Cell and Ladies Wing have highlighted our commitment to positioning women at the forefront of the city's trade. Furthermore, we prioritized the holistic well-being of our industrial community. By hosting specialized health sessions on digestive and anorectal health, we reinforced the belief that a healthy workforce is the backbone of a productive industry. Moving forward, our focus will remain on strengthening our administrative frameworks and enhancing infrastructure to ensure a seamless and robust growth trajectory for every business owner in South Gujarat.

Looking forward to your continued cooperation.

Ashok Jirawala  
Vice President, SGCCI

## From the Editor's Desk

### Editorial: A New Dimension of Change and the Digital Avatar of 'Samruddhi'

In an age where journalism and information dissemination are at a pivotal crossroads, 'Samruddhi' magazine remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering not just news, but deep, insightful analysis to its readers. While April was buzzing with various Chamber activities, for our editorial board, this month marked a historic milestone in our journey of evolution.

The most revolutionary event of this month was the official launch of the new **AI-generated avatar** of 'Samruddhi' magazine during the prestigious Women Conclave. Embracing the tides of change, we have harnessed the power of Artificial Intelligence to make our magazine smarter, more accurate, and visually compelling. Through this technological leap, we aim to provide our readers with a superior information-consuming experience. The Women Conclave served as the perfect, dignified platform to inaugurate this digital transformation.

In this edition, we have meticulously curated all the major events of April. From the economic implications of the Middle East conflict to the pioneering **AI-Driven** Speed Business Networking, every report is presented with comprehensive detail. Our focus on initiatives like '**Profit to Wealth**' and Technical Textiles will provide a roadmap for business growth to our members. As the editorial team, our endeavor remains to ensure that every article in this magazine stands the test of research and authenticity. With technology as our ally, our mission to bring high-quality industrial journalism to every doorstep and digital screen continues with renewed vigor.

Warm Regards,  
The Editor,  
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# Align to Prosper: Redefining Success through Vastu Wisdom

## SGCCI Seminar Decodes the Path to Financial Stability and Holistic Health

In the high-stakes world of modern business, where professional ambitions often collide with personal well-being, ancient architectural wisdom is making a significant comeback. **On March 29, 2026**, a transformative session organized by The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (**SGCCI**). The seminar sought to bridge the gap between ancient Vastu principles and the contemporary corporate landscape.

### The Architecture of Success

Opening the session, SGCCI President **Shri Nikhil Madrasi** offered a visionary perspective: “A workspace aligned with natural laws is not merely an aesthetic choice; it is a functional necessity. It acts as a catalyst for mental clarity and economic momentum.” He emphasized that the physical environment is an extension of one’s professional identity, directly impacting the bottom line of any enterprise.

### Mastering the Energy Cycles

The keynote speaker, Professional Vastu Expert **Shri Shreyans Joshi**, captivated the audience with his insights into the 360-degree energy cycle. He detailed how the 16 cardinal directions and the cosmic influence of the nine planets shape human destiny. Moving beyond myths, **Shri Joshi** provided practical, non-structural solutions. “By making subtle environmental adjustments, one can mitigate negative vibrations and pave the way for sustained prosperity and health,” he noted, emphasizing that Vastu is a science of optimization rather than superstition.

### A Holistic Leadership Approach

The discussion further expanded into the realm of lifestyle balance under the guidance of Group Chairman **Shri Kamlesh Gajera**. He remarked that financial wealth is hollow without the foundation of good health and harmonious relationships. The seminar’s seamless flow was a testament to the meticulous planning by **Shri Sandip Dobariya**, Chairman of the Spiritual Awakening Committee, who coordinated the entire event.

The event was graced by the distinguished presence of **Shri B.S. Agarwal** and **Shri Atul Patel**, whose support underlined the importance of spiritual and spatial awareness in the industrial sector.

### The Road Ahead

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A where members sought specific advice for their offices and factories. In an increasingly volatile market, the participants discovered that the key to external stability often lies in the internal alignment of their physical spaces.

As ‘**Samruddhi**’ magazine advocates for the holistic growth of Surat’s business community, this seminar stands as a milestone in integrating traditional values with modern aspirations.

**“Correct direction and balanced energy are the twin pillars of a successful life.”**

— **Shri Shreyans Joshi**





# Fueling Efficiency: PNG Connections Now in Just 7 Days!

## SGCCI's Strategic Intervention Leads to a Massive Reduction in Connection Lead Times

In a major boost to the industrial ecosystem of South Gujarat, the persistent efforts of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) have resulted in a landmark policy shift. The waiting period for new Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections has been drastically slashed from 45 days to a mere 7 days, marking a significant milestone in regional industrial growth.

### High-Level Strategic Dialogue

The breakthrough came following a high-powered meeting at the Circuit House, Athwa Lines, where SGCCI leadership met with Smt. **Avantika Singh** (IAS), Managing Director of Gujarat Gas. SGCCI President Shri **Nikhil Madrasi** spearheaded the discussion, emphasizing the Chamber's role as a vital link between the government and the industry.

The delegation included prominent figures such as Vice President Shri **Ashok Jirawala**, Immediate Past President Shri **Vijay Mewawala**, Honorary Treasurer CA Shri **Mitish Modi**, Past President Shri **Ashish Gujarati**, member Shri **Atul Patel**, Secretary Shri **Paulic Desai**, and Shri **Vinod Agarwal**, Director of the South Gujarat Textile Processors Association.

### Infrastructure Roadmap and Expansion

The delegation urged for accelerated pipeline installation in

key industrial belts, including Sachin, Palsana, Pandesara, Kim-Pipodra, Sayan, and Mangrol. Responding positively, Smt. **Avantika Singh** assured immediate meter installations in areas where the pipeline infrastructure is already operational, ensuring no delays in productivity.

### Empowering the Workforce: Small Cylinders for Artisans

To curb artisan migration and maintain manufacturing continuity, a simplified process for procuring 3 kg and 5 kg gas cylinders was unveiled. Industrial units can now facilitate these connections for their workers by applying on their official letterheads with the artisan's name and identification proof [Aadhaar details redacted for privacy].

### Impact Metrics:

**New PNG Connection Time: Reduced to 7 Days (from 45 days).**

**Cylinder Access: 3 kg and 5 kg units for industrial workers.**

**Key Focus Areas: Sachin, Palsana, Pandesara, and Kim-Pipodra clusters.**

"The reduction in the PNG connection timeline is a revolutionary step toward Ease of Doing Business for our local industries."

— Shri Nikhil Madrasi, President, SGCCI



# Glowing Gears of Safety

## SGCCI's Beacon of Hope for Industrial Workers Strategic Road Safety Initiative: Over 1,200 Bicycles Equipped with Retro-Reflectors in Pandesara & Bamroli Clusters

Ensuring the safety of the workforce—the backbone of the regional economy—is a core priority for The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI). In a proactive move to safeguard industrial workers, SGCCI's Traffic Education and Awareness Committee recently launched a massive road safety campaign. By installing high-visibility retro-reflectors on more than 1,200 bicycles, the organization has taken a decisive step toward reducing night-time road accidents in the high-traffic zones of Pandesara and Bamroli.

### Leadership in Action

Building on the momentum of previous safety seminars, the committee, led by Chairperson **Kaminiben Dumaswala**, executed this ground-level project. The dedicated team, including **Archanaben Desai**, **Mukesh Patel**, Ganesh Solanki, **Ashok Dumaswala**, and **Krishnakant Kharwar**, worked tirelessly to ensure that every worker's bicycle was equipped with reflective gear. These retro-reflectors are critical life-saving tools, as they enhance visibility for motorists during the dark hours, significantly decreasing the risk of rear-end collisions.

### Strategic Synergy with Local Law Enforcement

The initiative was carried out in close coordination with the Pandesara Police Station. The presence and support of the Police Inspector and Police Sub-Inspector added immense value, turning the installation drive into an educational workshop. Workers were sensitized about

the importance of being visible on the road and were guided on traffic safety protocols. This collaboration between SGCCI and the police underscores a commitment to fostering a culture of safety that extends beyond the factory gates.

### A Vision for Worker Welfare

By addressing the specific needs of the local workforce, SGCCI is creating a safer industrial ecosystem from Sarsana to the outlying manufacturing hubs. This project highlights SGCCI's vision of integrating industrial growth with human security.

### Project Statistics at a Glance:

**Target Group:** 1,200+ Industrial Workers

**Primary Areas:** Pandesara and Bamroli

**Focus:** Enhanced night-time visibility and accident prevention

**Key Stakeholders:** SGCCI Traffic Committee & Pandesara Police

**“Our ultimate goal is to ensure that every worker returns home safely. These retro-reflectors are a vital step in mitigating road risks during their nocturnal commute.”**  
— Kaminiben Dumaswala, Chairperson, Traffic Education and Awareness Committee, SGCCI





# Breaking Chains: SGCCI Champions the ‘Freedom from Addiction’ Campaign

## Expert Doctors Advocate Mental Fortitude and Family Support at the Nanpura Health Seminar

In its continuous pursuit of fostering a healthy and productive society, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) hosted a pivotal awareness session titled “Freedom from Addiction.” Held on **April 5, 2026**, at ‘Samruddhi’, Nanpura, the event was part of the Chamber’s ongoing Health Series, aimed at addressing the rising concerns of substance abuse in the community.

### The Perils of Addiction

Keynote speaker **Dr. Parag Shah** shed light on the physical and psychological toll of addiction. He noted that what often begins as a peer-influenced hobby or a casual experiment can rapidly spiral into a life-threatening dependency. “Recovery is a journey that requires more than medicine; it demands an iron will, professional counseling, and a supportive family environment,” Dr. Shah emphasized.

### Social and Economic Impact

**Dr. Kamlesh Dave** expanded the conversation by detailing the socio-economic fallout of addiction. He highlighted that substance abuse is a systemic issue that drains family resources and destabilizes social structures. He advocated for ‘prevention’ as the most effective strategy, specifically targeting the youth through education and positive engagement to steer them away from harmful influences.

### A United Front for Social Wellness

The session was attended by distinguished SGCCI leaders, including President **Nikhil Madrasi**, Honorary Secretary **Bijal Jariwala**, Group Chairman **Rakesh Gandhi**, and Co-



Chairman of the Industrial Workers Health Committee, **Dr. Jagdish Vaghasia**. The leaders reiterated that industrial growth is inextricably linked to the well-being of the workforce and the citizenry.

### Key Highlights of the Session:

**Date:** April 5, 2026

**Venue:** Samruddhi, Nanpura

**Speakers:** Dr. Parag Shah & Dr. Kamlesh Dave

**Leadership Focus:** Integration of mental health and preventive care into the industrial ecosystem.

In his closing remarks, **Rakesh Gandhi** affirmed that SGCCI would continue to provide resources and platforms to ensure a drug-free future for the region.

**“Prevention is the cornerstone of a drug-free society; educating the youth is our primary defense.”**

— Dr. Kamlesh Dave, Medical Expert



## Surat Witnesses the Grand 'Woman Entrepreneurship Conclave'; A Resounding Anthem of Women's Empowerment and Success

Surat, the world-renowned hub of diamonds and textiles, has always been defined by its bold entrepreneurial spirit. However, when this spirit is fused with the formidable power of Shakti, a new and golden chapter of success begins. Recently, the Platinum Hall at Sarsana became the stage for a historic event that injected fresh hope and vitality into the industrial landscape of South Gujarat. Organized by the Women Entrepreneurship Cell of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), Gujarat's first massive 'Woman Entrepreneurship Conclave' was more than just an event—it was a powerful platform giving wings to the dreams of the modern, educated, and self-reliant Indian woman.

### Security and Peace: The Bedrock of Prosperity

The conclave was graced by the distinguished presence of **Ms. Nupur Sharma**, a renowned Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court, as the Chief Guest. In a stirring address, she touched upon a critical yet often overlooked aspect: Security. **Ms. Sharma stated**, "The road to prosperity always passes through the gates of security. The peace and safety that women experience in India, and particularly in Gujarat and Surat, is the primary driver of their unprecedented progress."

She further added, "If you are secure, only then can you be fearless enough to take risks in business. The unique quality of Surat's women is that they celebrate each other's success rather than competing with envy. This idea of 'collective success' is what will lead India toward becoming a global leader." She urged women to transition from being 'job seekers' to 'job givers' by maximizing the benefits of various welfare schemes launched by the Government of India.

### Expert Masterclasses: Decoding Business Practicalities

Beyond inspirational speeches, the conclave featured 'Masterclasses' by three industry stalwarts to provide women with practical business insights:

**Business Blueprint (Ms. Rajal C.):** Co-founder of Hallmark International, **Ms. Rajal C.**, simplified the complex mathematics of finance and marketing. She provided invaluable tips on scaling businesses globally, especially in an era dominated by digital platforms and Artificial Intelligence.

**Personal Branding (Dr. Aanchal Panth):** Renowned Dermatologist and Aesthetic Expert, **Dr. Aanchal Panth**, explained that in today's competitive age, having a good product isn't enough. The personal brand and presentation of the entrepreneur are equally vital. "Your identity is your business's most powerful visiting card," she noted.

**Health as the Real Wealth (Dr. Shubhra Pandey):** Infertility Specialist **Dr. Shubhra Pandey** advised women not to neglect their health in the blind race for success. She emphasized that a healthy Work-Life Balance is the only sustainable foundation for long-term professional achievement.

### Visionary Leadership and Coordination

SGCCI President **Shri Nikhil Madrasi** hailed the event as a milestone, reiterating the Chamber's commitment to providing a robust networking platform for women entrepreneurs. **Ms. Ankita Waland**, Chairperson of the Women Entrepreneurship Cell, outlined the cell's activities under the theme 'Breaking Barriers and Embracing Strength.' The proceedings were masterfully anchored by Radio Jockey Shreya, whose vibrant style kept the energy levels high throughout the day.

### Distinguished Guests and Dignitaries

The conclave saw a high-profile turnout from the Chamber's leadership and Surat's elite. Prominent attendees included Immediate Past President **Shri Vijay Mewawala**, Honorary Secretary **Shri Bijal Jariwala**, Honorary Treasurer **CA Mitish Modi**, Group Chairman **Shri Shailesh Desai**, and All Conclave Chairman **Shri Atul Patel**. Special guests **Smt. Sandhyaben Gahlaut** (wife of the Surat Police Commissioner) and **Dr. Bandana Bhattacharya** added grace to the occasion, encouraging the participants.

The guests were warmly introduced by the Women Entrepreneurship Cell's Advisors, **Ms. Kritika Shah** and **Ms. Swati Shethwala**, along with Co-Chairpersons **Ms. Roshni Taylor** and **Ms. Dhara Shah**. The event concluded with insightful remarks from Co-Chairperson **Ms. Bina Bhagat**, followed by a vote of thanks by Vice President **Shri Ashok Jirawala**.

### Conclusion: A Roadmap for the New Generation

The conclave was not merely a series of dialogues; the interactive panel discussions addressed the queries of numerous young aspiring women. When a woman steps across the threshold into the world of business, she doesn't just grow individually—she uplifts the economic status of her family and society. Surat's conclave has proven that if Shakti is provided with the right guidance and a secure environment, she is capable of touching the sky.

As India marches toward a \$5 trillion economy, Surat's women entrepreneurs are ready to be the catalysts of that change. This conclave has established that the future belongs to the 'She-economy' and Surat is poised to be its epicenter.





# Synergy of Cooperation & Technology

## SGCCI Delegation Visits SUMUL Dairy Industry Leaders Explore Modern Dairy Operations and Global Supply Chain Standards

To decode the success behind the cooperative model of South Gujarat, a high-level delegation from The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted an industrial visit to the SUMUL Dairy plant on **April 8, 2026**. Organized under the leadership of Arvind Babawala, Chairman of the Industrial Tour Committee, the visit focused on understanding the integration of advanced technology with large-scale cooperative management.

### Observing Operational Excellence

The delegation was given a comprehensive tour of the facility, observing the entire journey of milk—from procurement and testing to automated processing and final packaging. The representatives noted the stringent hygiene standards and high-tech automation that define SUMUL's daily operations. The focus remained on how these 'best practices' could be replicated across various manufacturing sectors in the region to enhance productivity.

### Strategic Insights for Growth

SGCCI President **Nikhil Madrasi** highlighted that such exchanges are vital for understanding complex supply chain management and quality assurance. "The way SUMUL manages its vast network with precision is a masterclass in operational excellence," he remarked. The visit facilitated a direct dialogue between industrial leaders and cooperative experts, focusing on scaling businesses while maintaining cost efficiency and quality.



### Key Takeaways:

**Automation:** Implementation of high-capacity automated machinery.

**Quality Control:** Stringent standards with minimal human intervention.

**Supply Chain:** Seamless optimization from collection to the retail shelf.

**"This industrial visit bridges the gap between the cooperative and industrial sectors, fostering an environment of shared knowledge and growth."**

— Nikhil Madrasi, President, SGCCI



# Surat Police's High-Tech Shield

**SGCCI Delegation Explores State-of-the-Art Control Room  
Smart Surveillance via CCTV, VHF Systems, and ERSS 112 Bolsters City Security**



Technology is the new frontier of urban safety, and Surat is leading the way as a secure Smart City. A delegation from The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) recently conducted an exclusive visit to the Surat Police Control Room to observe the city's advanced security infrastructure. The visit aimed to strengthen the bond between the industry and the police force while experiencing firsthand how digital vigilance keeps the city safe.

### The Backbone of Emergency Response

Led by Kaminiben Dumaswala, Chairperson of the Traffic Awareness and Education Committee, the delegation was briefed on the Very High Frequency (VHF) communication system. This system serves as the backbone of the department, ensuring seamless coordination between various police units during emergencies. Furthermore, the members were sensitized about the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 112, a unified platform that integrates police, fire, and medical services for a swift nationwide response.

### Digital Vigilance & Industrial Safety

The visit highlighted the synergy between human intelligence and automated surveillance. The delegation witnessed the city-wide CCTV network in action, observing how the e-challan system transparently monitors traffic violations. For an industrial hub like Surat, this level of digital monitoring ensures a secure and law-abiding environment, which is crucial for business continuity.

### Key Highlights:

- VHF Communication:** Real-time coordination between police units.
- ERSS 112:** Integration of multi-emergency services.
- CCTV & E-Challan:** Automated and transparent traffic management.

**“Experiencing the technology-driven operations of the police department has significantly boosted our confidence in the city’s security framework.”**  
— Kaminiben Dumaswala, Chairperson, SGCCI



# Global Wings for Surat's Chemical & Pharma Industry

**SGCCI Inks 5-Year Strategic Pact with CHEMEXCIL  
Annual 'Chemical & Pharma Expo' to be Hosted in Surat;  
Landmark MoU Signed in Mumbai to Boost Exports**

In a significant move to elevate South Gujarat's Chemical and Pharmaceutical sectors to international standards, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) has signed a long-term, five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CHEMEXCIL. The strategic partnership, formalized in Mumbai, aims to integrate local manufacturers into the global supply chain and significantly boost export figures from the region.

### Visionary Partnership

The MoU was signed in the presence of SGCCI President **Shri Nikhil Madrasi**, Honorary Secretary **Shri Bijal Jariwala**, Honorary Treasurer CA **Mitish Modi**, and Secretaries **Paulic Desai** and E.J. Thomas. Representing CHEMEXCIL were Chairman **Satish Wagh**, Vice Chairman **Ankit Patel**, Director General **Raghuveer Kini**, and Executive Director **Vishal Ganju**. The leadership collectively committed to transforming Surat into a global hub for chemical and pharmaceutical exports.

### Annual Global Expo in Surat

A key highlight of this agreement is the joint organization of the

'**Chemical and Pharma Expo**' in Surat every year. This initiative will provide a direct platform for local entrepreneurs to showcase their products to international buyers. Furthermore, under the expertise of **Raghuveer Kini** and **Vishal Ganju**, special training workshops on export regulations and market intelligence will be conducted to empower small and medium enterprises.

### Strategic Objectives:

**Export Assistance:** Specialized training for global compliance.

**Policy Advocacy:** Joint representation to the government on industry challenges.

**Market Intelligence:** Access to international trade data and opportunities.

**"This MoU is a historic milestone for the Chamber, ensuring that Surat's Chemical and Pharma industries gain the global recognition they deserve."**

— **Nikhil Madrasi, President, SGCCI**





# Sportech Revolution in Surat's Textile Hub

## Moving from Tradition to Global Innovation SGCCI Initiative Aims to Position Surat as a Leader in the Technical Textiles Global Supply Chain

Surat's textile industry is undergoing a paradigm shift, transitioning from conventional fabrics to the high-growth domain of 'Technical Textiles' and 'Sportech.' To facilitate this transformation, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a strategic session at 'Samruddhi,' Nanpura. The initiative focuses on restructuring the city's industrial fabric to meet the innovation-driven demands of the global market.

### Policy Integration and Government Support

In his welcome address, SGCCI President **Shri Nikhil Madrasi** urged local entrepreneurs to diversify into high-value sectors like Sportech. Complementing this vision, **Shri Nilay Pandya**, Assistant Director of ITADC, provided an in-depth overview of government schemes and financial incentives designed to accelerate this industrial evolution. This session acted as a crucial bridge between policy frameworks and industrial implementation.

### Strategic Innovation and Market Research

**Shri Kishan Kumar Daga**, Anchor Founder of 'Concepts N Strategies,' highlighted the immense potential of the Sportech

sector. He emphasized that with advanced machinery and R&D, local firms could capture a significant share of the international market. Furthermore, Senior Consultant **Ms. Ambika Kumari** detailed the market research strategies essential for success in this competitive field. The session was moderated by **Shri Amrish Bhatt**, Co-Chairman of GFRRC, while **Shri Paresh Thummar**, Chairman of the Technical Textiles Committee, introduced the speakers.

### Key Perspectives:

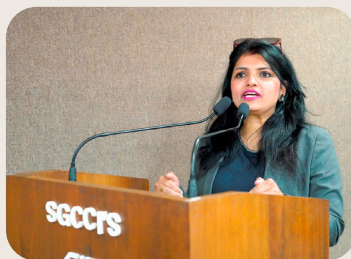
**Innovation:** Leveraging R&D for global competitiveness.

**Government Aid:** Utilizing financial incentives for diversification.

**Global Trends:** Identifying high-growth opportunities in Sportech.

**"Technical Textiles and Sportech are emerging as future growth engines, offering vast opportunities for Surat's industrial community."**

— **Shri Kishan Kumar Daga, Founder, Concepts N Strategies**





# Distinguished Talents Honored at Golden Jubilee Awards

## Celebrating Excellence in South Gujarat Industry

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) Golden Jubilee Memorial Trust hosted its 36th annual awards ceremony on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Held at the Platinum Hall, Sarsana, the gala celebrated the outstanding achievements of 15 visionaries and organizations that have redefined industry standards and social responsibility in South Gujarat.

**A Visionary Legacy: Rajnikant Marfatia's Enduring Impact** The Golden Jubilee Awards are a testament to the foresight of Mr. Rajnikant Marfatia, former President of SGCCI and Chairman of the Memorial Trust. It was during his presidential tenure that these awards were conceptualized to recognize individuals and institutions contributing not just to industry, but to the upliftment of society.

Under Marfatia's leadership, the trust has maintained a rigorous and transparent selection process for over 36 years, utilizing a jury of eminent industry experts, academics, and social workers. His commitment has ensured that the "Golden Jubilee Award" remains one of the most respected accolades in the region, inspiring others to strive for excellence.

**Lifetime Achievement: A Salute to Dr. Nimesh Vashi** The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award to **Dr. Nimesh Vashi**, Chairman and Managing Director of Enviro Control Pvt. Ltd. Receiving the honor, **Dr. Vashi** remarked, "This award is not just an honor, but a blessing." He highlighted that Surat's water management system is now ranked 1st in India, strengthening 'Brand Surat' on a global scale.

Inspirational Leadership from the Chief Guest **Mr. Sandeep Engineer** (President of GCCI and Founder-CMD of Astral Ltd) lauded the initiative. Recalling his professional roots in Surat, he urged the Chamber to introduce new categories for MSMEs and Startups at the state level, drawing inspiration from the Trust's exemplary work.

The event was expertly managed by Hon. Secretary **Bijal Jariwala** and **Dr. Anil Saraogi**. SGCCI President **Nikhil Madrasi** delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the award's role in motivating the community.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice President **Ashok Jirawala**. Notable attendees included Immediate Past President **Vijay Mewawala**, Hon. Treasurer **CA Mitish Modi**, and Trustee **Kamlesh Yagnik**, alongside over 300 prominent industrialists and community leaders.

### SGCCI Golden Jubilee Awards Winners List

No.	Award Name	Winner Name / Organization
1	Reliance Award for Excellence in Weaving Sector	AAS TECH
2	Reliance Award for Excellence in Yarn Processing Sector	Raymond Lifestyle Ltd, Valsad
3	Reliance Award for Excellence in Fabric Processing Sector	Shri ISCON Jari House
4	Shri Nimish Vashi Award for Outstanding Performance in Environment Conservation & Pollution Control	Yasho Industries Ltd, Dahej
5	Shri Ratilal Tribhovandas Nanavati Award for Outstanding Work in Research & Development	Anupam Rasayan India Ltd.
6	Colortex Award for Outstanding Performance in Energy Conservation	Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Pvt Ltd
7	Alidra Award for Excellence in Improving Productivity	General Group of Companies
8	Aether Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Welfare Program by Business House	L&T Heavy Engineering
9	NJ India Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Welfare Program by NGO	Rotary Eye Institute, Navsari
10	Fairdeal Filaments Award for Outstanding Entrepreneur in MSME Segment	Aelea Commodities Limited
11	Anupam Rasayan Award for Outstanding School	AMNS International School
12	Mahavir Synthesis Award for Outstanding Institute/College of Education	Sarvajanik College of Engineering & Technology (SCET)
13	Smt. Bhavaniben N. Mehta Award for Outstanding Chief Executive Officer	Dr. Sujit Paul (Group CEO, Zota Health Care Ltd.)
14	Shri Girdhargopal Mundra Award for Outstanding Business Person	Mr. Viren Shah (Chairman & Managing Director, Jivraj Tea Ltd.)
15	Special Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. Nimesh Vashi (Chairman & Managing Director, Enviro Control Pvt. Ltd.)



# Breathe Better

## Your Modern Guide to Navigating ENT and Allergy Woes

In an era of rising pollution and shifting lifestyles, “Everyday Health” has become more than a phrase—it is a necessity. Recognizing this, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) recently hosted a high-impact session under its ‘Health Series’ titled “Managing Allergies and Common E.N.T. Problems.”

The Platinum Hall at ‘Samruddhi’ saw top medical experts breaking down why Surat’s citizens are sneezing more often and how to stop a minor irritation from becoming a chronic illness.

**The ENT Warning:** **Dr. Prashant Desai** Senior ENT Consultant **Dr. Prashant Desai** opened the floor with a stark reality check: ignoring minor ear, nose, or throat issues can lead to severe complications.

**The Culprits:** Rising pollution and dietary imbalances are fueling a surge in Allergic Rhinitis and Sinusitis .

**The Advice:** “Maintain hygiene and balance your intake of hot and cold foods,” says **Dr. Desai**. Most importantly, seek professional advice the moment you notice a change in your voice or persistent throat irritation.

**Decoding Allergies:** **Dr. Milan Modi** Allergist and Pulmonologist **Dr. Milan Modi** shed light on the “Invisible Enemies”—from pet dander to pollen.

**The Risk:** An untreated allergy isn’t just an annoyance; it is a gateway to Asthma and chronic respiratory distress.

**The Solution:** Identify your ‘triggers.’ Whether it is dust or specific foods, avoiding the source is the first step to recovery. **Dr. Modi** strongly recommends using masks in high-pollution zones and maintaining clinical cleanliness at home.

**EDITOR’S CHECKLIST: 5 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR LUNGS**  
Identify Triggers: Know what makes you sneeze (Dust, Pollen, or Pets).

**Mask Up: Use a high-quality mask in traffic and construction zones.**

**Home Hygiene: Keep indoor air clean and dust-free.**

**Early Diagnosis: Don’t let a “common cold” last more than a week without a check-up.**

**Dietary Balance: Avoid extreme temperature shifts in your food and drink.**

**Behind the Event** The session was expertly curated by the SGCCI leadership:

**Mr. Rakesh Gandhi** (Group Chairman) welcomed the attendees with a focus on community well-being.

**Dr. Jagdish Vaghasiya** (Chairman, Industrial Workers Health Committee) introduced the expert panel.

**Mr. Nikhil Vaghasiya** (Co-Chairman) moderated the dialogue, ensuring every attendee left with actionable health advice.



# Career Special:

## From Confusion to Completion

### What After Grade 10-12? Experts Decode the Future Roadmap at SGCCI Career Guidance Festival

In an era where technology and global market trends evolve in the blink of an eye, choosing the right career path is a formidable challenge for students. Serving as a lighthouse for Surat's youth, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a mega 'Career Guidance Festival' at 'Samruddhi.' Seven prominent universities and educationists came together to provide a strategic roadmap for thousands of aspiring professionals.

### Expert Insights: The 7 Mantras for Success

**Skills vs. Degrees (Shri Jayesh Brahmhatt):** In the age of AI and Data Science, it's time to move beyond conventional thinking. Practical skills will outshine degree certificates in the future workforce.

**Tech-Management Fusion (Dr. Pushpal Desai):** Specialized knowledge in one field isn't enough. The fusion of Technology and Management is the true key to success in the modern startup ecosystem.

**Practical Approach (Sarvajanik University):** Beyond textbook knowledge, cultivating problem-solving abilities and communication skills is mandatory for corporate survival.

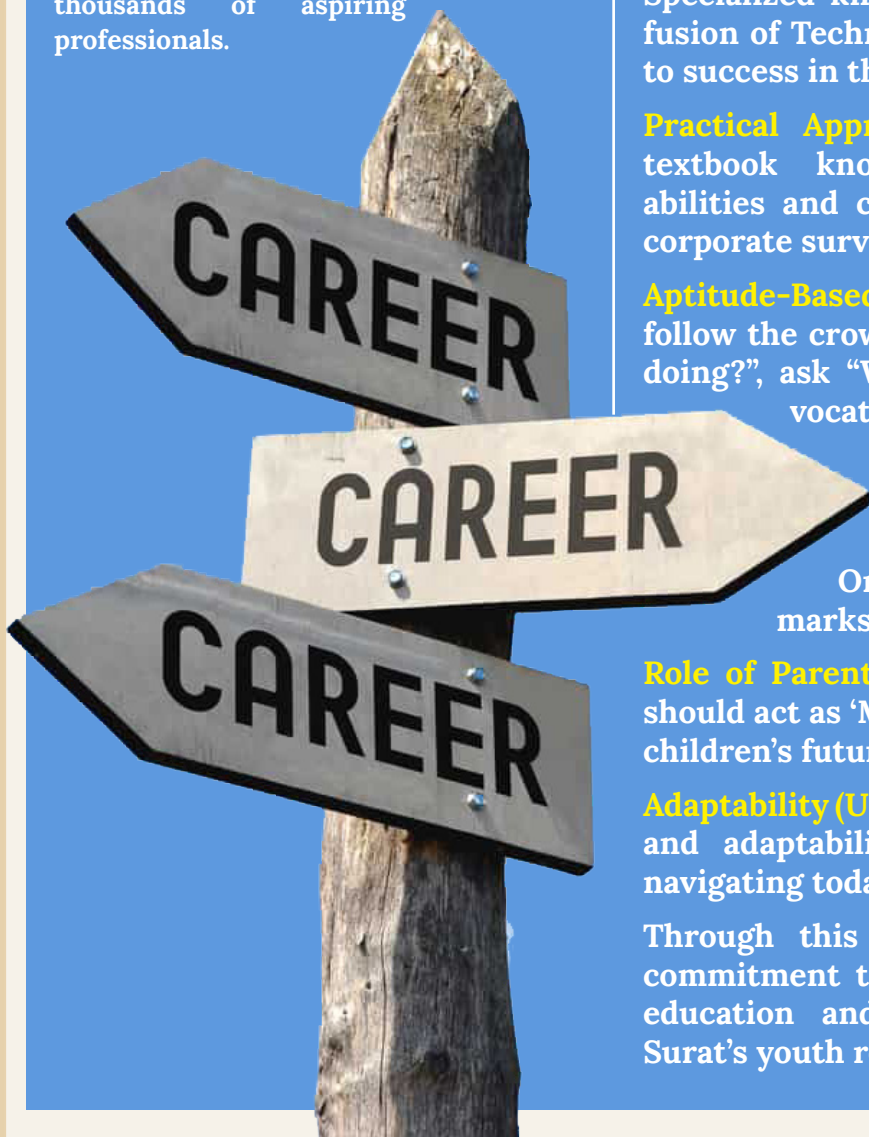
**Aptitude-Based Choice (P.P. Savani University):** Don't follow the crowd. Instead of asking "What is everyone doing?", ask "What is right for me?" to choose your vocation.

**Real-World Exposure (Auro University):** Understand industry realities through internships and field exposure. Originality holds more weight than mere marksheets.

**Role of Parents (Vanita Vishram University):** Parents should act as 'Mentors' rather than 'Architects' of their children's future, fostering their innate talents.

**Adaptability (Uka Tarsadia University):** Critical thinking and adaptability are the most powerful tools for navigating today's complex professional environments.

Through this initiative, SGCCI has reinforced its commitment to bridging the gap between classroom education and industrial demands, ensuring that Surat's youth remain globally competitive.





# The Rise of 'Next-Gen' Careers

## Skills to Outshine Degrees in the Digital Era: Insights from Jayesh Brahmhatt

Following the announcement of Grade 10 and 12 results, providing clear career guidance to students and parents is more critical than ever. With this objective, the SGCCI organized a two-day 'Career Guidance Festival' at 'Samruddhi,' serving as a guiding light for thousands. The inaugural session featured renowned career counselor and editor of 'Shikshan Sarvada,' Shri Jayesh Brahmhatt, who provided a logical and visionary roadmap regarding future industrial requirements.

**Shri Brahmhatt** remarked, "The era where professional success was limited to becoming a doctor or an engineer is long gone. We are entering an age where Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Science, Machine Learning, and Cyber Security are dominating the global economy." He urged students not to be confined by conventional streams but to make decisions based on their natural aptitudes and evolving market demands. He provided a detailed blueprint for emerging sectors such as Defence and Space Technology, where opportunities are flourishing.

The event commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Vijay Mewawala**, who reiterated the Chamber's



commitment to academic and social excellence. During the session, **Shri Mahesh Pamnani** and **Smt. Sneha Jariwala** explained that academic knowledge alone is insufficient in the modern world; mastery of practical fields like Business Analytics and Digital Marketing is essential. Concluding the session with a Q&A, the experts advised parents to foster an environment that encourages their children's innate talents rather than imposing social pressures.



# Traditional Degrees vs. Modern Skills: The Strategic Choice

## The Fusion of Technology and Management is the Key to Career Success: Dr. Pushpal Desai

As Grade 10 and 12 students stand at the most critical juncture of their academic lives, providing them with the right direction becomes a paramount necessity. Embracing this educational responsibility, the SGCCI organized a focused session during its 'Career Guidance Festival,' centering on technology and

future industrial trends. The session featured **Dr. Pushpal Desai**, Associate Professor and Head of the ICT Department at VNSGU, who provided profound insights into the evolving professional landscape.

In his address, **Dr. Pushpal Desai** defined the current era as a 'skill-based economy.' He noted with precision, "Success in today's rapidly changing digital world is no longer solely dependent on traditional degrees; it depends on one's ability to constantly acquire new skills." He encouraged students to move beyond conventional streams and explore long-term opportunities in Digital Innovation, Data Analytics, and Specialized Healthcare. Specifically, he presented a detailed roadmap on how a fusion of technology and management acts as a game-changer in the modern startup ecosystem.

The event commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Mahesh Pamnani**, Chairman of the Education & Skill Development Center at SGCCI. He emphasized that the Chamber's objective is to cultivate human capital that aligns with global industrial demands. During the session, students had the opportunity to interact directly with experts regarding niche fields like Para-medical sciences, IT-driven business roles, and Design. **Dr. Desai** concluded by stating that the right guidance coupled with a timely decision is what leads a student toward unparalleled professional excellence.





# Degree Plus Skills: The New Formula for Success

**Practical Approach and Technological Synergy are Essential: Experts from Sarvajanik University**

As students prepare to face international career challenges after Grade 10 and 12, the 'Career Guidance Festival' organized by SGCCI has emerged as a vital platform. At this event held in 'Samruddhi,' Nanpura, a team of distinguished professors from Sarvajanik University shared key mantras for thriving in today's competitive era.

The session featured seasoned experts including **Dr. Purvi Kothari**, **Shri Vishal Mashruwala**, **Dr. Nitin Patel**, **Shri Sumit Dhamani**, **Dr. Nehal Shah**, and **Dr. Manisha Varma**. The experts collectively emphasized, "The days when merely obtaining a degree ensured a secure career are gone. In today's dynamic economy, communication skills, problem-solving abilities, and practical knowledge are as

critical as academic credentials."

During the guidance, the professors provided deep insights into emerging fields such as Data Analytics, Digital Media, and Information Technology. They advised students to avoid rushed decisions and instead focus on strategic planning based on their interests and market trends. **Shri Mahesh Pamnani**, Chairman of the Education & Skill Development Center at SGCCI, noted in his welcome address that the Chamber's primary goal is to bridge the gap between traditional education and evolving industry needs. In the interactive Q&A session, students raised queries about navigating changing technological trends, receiving precise and empowering guidance from the faculty.





# Don't Just Follow the Crowd, Become a Future Leader

## Your Choice, Your Progress: Experts Urge Students to Prioritize Interests and Skills

The 'Career Guidance Festival' organized by SGCCI at 'Samruddhi' has become a beacon of clarity for students navigating the critical post-Grade 10 and 12 phase. In this special session, esteemed professors from P.P. Savani University—**Ms. Priya Rajyaguru**, **Dr. Jainish Bhagat**, and **Dr. Ronak Mehta**—strongly advocated for students to move beyond 'herd mentality' and recognize their inherent potential.

The experts logically explained, "When you choose a career merely by observing others, you lose your originality. Instead, if a field is chosen based on 'what is right for me?', success is guaranteed." During the session, detailed insights were shared regarding emerging sectors like Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Marketing, and Sports Management. The speakers clarified that the professional world no longer operates on traditional methods; thus, adapting to technology is mandatory.

The event commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Mahesh Pamnani**, Chairman of the Education & Skill Development Center, who stated that SGCCI's vision is to make Surat's youth globally competitive. The session focused not only on technical knowledge but also on soft skills like resilience and a continuous learning mindset.

In the interactive Q&A session, students freely discussed their career goals and potential obstacles with the experts, gaining a clear and robust roadmap for their future.





# Focus on Skill and Originality Over Marksheets: Future-Proofing Careers

## Internships and Practical Exposure are Keys to Understanding Industry Realities: Experts from Auro University

As students navigate the crucial post-Grade 10 and 12 phase, the 'Career Guidance Festival' organized by SGCCI has emerged as a powerful platform to divert focus from marks to intrinsic potential. At this session held in 'Samruddhi,' Nanpura, expert professors from Auro University, **Dr. Vijay Radadiya** and Professor **Zeel Mangukia**, guided students, stating that career selection is not just a one-day decision but a continuous process of evolution.

**Dr. Vijay Radadiya** emphasized, "Every student possesses a unique talent. In today's dynamic era, rather than making decisions solely based on marksheets, it is essential for students to understand where they can perform optimally." He urged students to gain real-world experience through internships, field workshops, and practical exposure. Professor **Zeel Mangukia** highlighted the importance of soft skills and time management. She explained that in a world of shifting technological trends, only those with a continuous learning mindset will thrive globally.

The event commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Mahesh Pamnani**, Chairman of the Education & Skill Development Center at SGCCI. He noted that the Chamber's objective is to



further strengthen the bridge between education and industrial requirements. During the Q&A session, students raised queries regarding self-assessment and changing trends in international courses, receiving precise and empowering guidance. This seminar inspired students to transcend 'marks' and strive for 'mastery' in their chosen fields.



# Be Mentors, Not Architects of Your Children’s Future

**Degrees are the Foundation, but Practical Knowledge is the Superstructure: Experts from Vanita Vishram Women’s University**

Emphasizing the pivotal role of parents and the individuality of students in post-Grade 10 and 12 planning, the ‘Career Guidance Festival’ organized by SGCCI hosted another inspiring session. Held on **April 18, 2026, at ‘Samruddhi’** in Nanpura, the event featured esteemed professors from Vanita Vishram Women’s University—**Dr. Bhumika Charnanand, Dr. Manisha Vyas, and Dr. Riya Nadkarni**—who presented new dimensions of career planning to an audience of students and parents.

The experts delivered a crucial message: “Instead of becoming architects of their children’s futures and imposing their own desires, parents should act as mentors to recognize and nurture their child’s unique talents.” The session underscored that in today’s competitive era, a traditional degree alone is insufficient. Success now depends on a combination of academic credentials, the ability to

adapt to technological shifts, and strong communication skills. The experts provided a comprehensive roadmap for high-growth sectors such as Design, Healthcare, Finance, and Information Technology.

The event commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Mahesh Pamnani**, Chairman of the Education & Skill Development Center at SGCCI, who reiterated the Chamber’s commitment to preparing the new generation for global economic challenges. The expert panel clarified that while education provides the foundation, a synergy of theoretical learning and practical knowledge is mandatory in the current landscape. During the interactive Q&A session, students sought guidance on aligning their personal interests with market demands. This session effectively strengthened the bridge between academic pursuits and industrial realities.





# Soft Skills: The New Engine of Professional Success

## Critical Thinking and Adaptability Essential for Navigating Complex Corporate Landscapes: Dr. Arpita Vyas

The 'Career Guidance Festival' reached a new milestone with its latest session focused on the critical post-Grade 10 and 12 transition. On **April 19, 2026**, at 'Samruddhi,' **Dr. Arpita Vyas**, a professor from Uka Tarsadia University, provided students with a comprehensive roadmap to decode modern career complexities. She emphasized that while academic qualifications form the base, a robust framework of 'soft skills' is mandatory for true professional achievement.

**Dr. Arpita Vyas** clarified that in this era of rapid technological disruption, technical knowledge is merely an entry point. Long-term career sustainability depends on a person's critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and adaptability. She urged students to cultivate a 'continuous learning mindset' to stay

relevant in an evolving global economy. The session highlighted emerging opportunities in high-growth sectors such as Digital Technology, Management, and Creative Industries, encouraging students to set measurable professional goals.

The event commenced with a welcome address by **Shri Mahesh Pamnani**, Chairman of the Education & Skill Development Center at SGCCI. He reiterated the Chamber's commitment to bridging the gap between classroom education and real-world industrial demands. During the interactive Q&A session, students received personalized guidance on transforming their academic aspirations into professional realities. This initiative further solidifies SGCCI's role in making Surat's youth globally competitive through skill development and strategic career planning.



# Destiny by Design: Can the ‘Law of Karma’ Heal Your Body?

## Holistic Healing Meets Modern Medical Science

In a groundbreaking collaboration, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) teamed up with the Aakar Pranic Healing Center to explore a fascinating frontier: the intersection of spiritual laws and physical health. The session, titled “Application of Law of Karma on Health,” held at Samruddhi, Nanpura, challenged the conventional boundaries of modern medicine.

**The Architect of Thoughts:** Gautam Surana Renowned author and Pranic Healing instructor, **Mr. Gautam Surana**, took the stage to explain that our health is not merely a biological accident but a reflection of our thoughts, emotions, and actions.

**The Core Insight:** Every action (Karma) creates an energetic ripple. Positive intent and ethical living aren’t just moral choices—they are biological imperatives for a healthy life.

Modern Science Meets Ancient Wisdom: **Dr. Hiren Patel** Bridging the gap between the spiritual and the clinical, diabetes and heart specialist **Dr. Hiren Patel** addressed the modern epidemics of stress and lifestyle diseases.

**The Medical View:** **Dr. Patel** emphasized that while medicine treats the symptoms, a positive mindset and stress reduction—rooted in the principles of Karma—are essential to preventing long-term cardiac and metabolic issues.

**The Power of Energy:** Surbhi Surana Pranic Healing instructor **Ms. Surbhi Surana** introduced the audience to the mechanics of Energy Healing. She demonstrated how rebalancing the body’s energy fields can provide significant relief from chronic ailments, acting as a powerful supplement to traditional healthcare.



**3 KARMIC PILLARS FOR HEALTH Mindful Thinking:** Negative emotions like anger or resentment act as energetic toxins.

**Intentional Action:** Acts of service and kindness contribute to emotional—and subsequently physical—resilience.

**Holistic Balance:** Use modern medicine for the body, but use spiritual discipline for the soul.

Inside the Session The evening concluded with a vibrant Q&A session where attendees engaged directly with the experts.

**Welcome Address:** **Mr. Sandeepkumar Dobariya** (Chairman, Spiritual Awakening Committee) highlighted the Chamber’s commitment to holistic growth beyond just commerce.

**The Vibe:** A packed hall reflecting Surat’s growing interest in spiritual awakening and integrative health.

**An individual’s thoughts, emotions, and actions are directly linked to their physical and mental well-being.**  
 — **Gautam Surana**, Author and Pranic Healing Instructor, Aakar Pranic Healing Centre



# UNSTOPPABLE: THE RISE OF THE SELF-RELIANT WOMAN

**At the 'Nari Shakti Vandan' gala, Surat's leading ladies chart a new course for economic independence.**

The Ladies Wing of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) hosted a landmark 'Nari Shakti Vandan' conclave. The event focused on bridging the gap between government policy and grassroots female entrepreneurship.

The assembly at the Science Centre, Sarsana, served as a vibrant platform for discourse on the socio-economic advancement of women. **Prafulbhai Pansheriya**, the Hon'ble Minister of Education and Health for the Government of Gujarat, headlined the event, emphasizing that true empowerment is rooted in self-reliance. He urged attendees to leverage state-sponsored initiatives to cultivate their unique professional identities. **Mayuriben Mevawala**, Chairperson of the Ladies Wing, opened the session by reinforcing the Chamber's commitment to providing the mentorship necessary for women to thrive in competitive markets. This initiative builds on the momentum of recent successful programs, including the March networking series, further cementing the organization's role as a catalyst for regional progress.

### Legislative Rights and Holistic Wellness

The program transitioned into a critical examination of legal and health frameworks essential for modern women. **Nikhil Madrasi**, President of SGCCI, challenged the audience to move beyond rhetoric, advocating for the tangible implementation of gender-inclusive policies. The session featured expert insights from **D.R. Joshi**, who demystified the Legal Services Authorities Act, and **Bhavik Raval** of Pratham Education, who highlighted the transformative power of literacy. Furthermore, **Dr. Vikas Desai** addressed the pressing health challenges of malnutrition and anemia, providing a data-driven roadmap for better health outcomes. **Alpaben Madrasi** concluded the proceedings with a vote of thanks, while Swati Shethwala expertly moderated the day's discussions.

### Policy Advocacy – Prafulbhai Pansheriya

### Legal Empowerment – D.R. Joshi

### Educational Impact – Bhavik Raval

### Health Awareness – Dr. Vikas Desai

### A Vision for Future Leadership

With over 300 participants in attendance, including advisor **Reshmaben Mandlewala**, the event underscored the collective strength of the region's female leaders. The dialogue successfully integrated legal literacy with health consciousness, ensuring a comprehensive approach to empowerment.



**Women should take full advantage of government schemes to become self-reliant and establish a distinct identity in society based on their skills and capabilities.**  
 – Prafulbhai Pansheriya, Minister of Education and Health, Government of Gujarat



# The Sweet Science

## Inside Mithiba's High-Tech Confectionery Revolution

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) recently facilitated an immersive industrial visit to the Meethiba Sweets manufacturing plant. This initiative provided members with a firsthand look at the intersection of traditional culinary craftsmanship and modern automated production.

Building on the momentum of our successful Sanhati conclave and the insightful sessions held throughout March, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) continues to bridge the gap between theoretical business management and practical industrial application. By visiting the state-of-the-art facility operated by Madhuram Dairy & Sweets, our delegation witnessed how rigorous hygiene standards and advanced automation are revolutionizing the food processing sector. This visit was designed to empower our members with actionable knowledge regarding supply chain integrity, from the initial procurement of raw materials to the final stages of sophisticated packaging and distribution logistics.

### Operational Excellence and Quality Standards

The delegation observed a seamless integration of technology that ensures consistency in taste and quality, which remains the hallmark of Meethiba Sweets. The facility serves as a benchmark for local enterprises, demonstrating how scaling production does not necessitate a compromise on traditional quality. Our members engaged directly with the technical team to understand the nuances of quality control protocols that maintain the brand's competitive edge in a demanding market. This visit underscores our commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and operational excellence among our diverse membership base.

**Automation Integration – Advanced robotics in confectionery production.**

**Quality Assurance – Multi-stage testing protocols for food safety.**



**Supply Chain Management – End-to-end logistics from procurement to retail.**

**Hygiene Standards – Implementation of international food safety benchmarks.**

### Strategic Value for Industrial Growth

The success of this visit highlights the growing importance of cross-industry learning within the SGCCI ecosystem. By observing the meticulous processes at Madhuram Dairy & Sweets, our members gained a deeper appreciation for the infrastructure required to sustain high-volume production. We extend our sincere gratitude to the management team for their transparency and for hosting such a productive session for our industrial fraternity.

This industrial visit serves as a testament to our ongoing mission of driving innovation and excellence across the manufacturing landscape of South Gujarat.

**Event Date April 15, 2026**

**Focus Area Food Processing Automation**

**Organization SGCCI**

The visit provided our members with invaluable insights into the sophisticated automation and quality control systems that define modern food manufacturing.  
– Management Team, Representatives, Madhuram Dairy & Sweets



# India's Decade: Massive Growth Predicted in Tech, Infrastructure, and Energy Sectors

## Morgan Stanley India MD Ridham Desai Empowers Investors at SGCCI Investment Forum 2.0

Despite global geopolitical uncertainties, India remains a resilient beacon of economic growth. This optimistic outlook was highlighted during the 'Investment Forum 2.0' organized by The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI). Held on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the Platinum Hall, Sarsana, the forum provided investors with a strategic vision for long-term equity investment.

### Global Opportunities for India

The keynote speaker, Mr. Ridham Desai, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley India, addressed the topic 'India Post War: To Be or Not To Be.' He emphasized that India's young demographic, rapid digital transformation, and robust economic framework position the country for global leadership in the coming decades. "Investors should focus on high-growth sectors like Technology, Infrastructure, Electricity, and Energy Management," he stated. He urged investors to ignore short-term market volatility and trust the nation's long-term growth potential through disciplined asset allocation.

### Panel Discussion & Expert Insights

The keynote was followed by an insightful panel discussion moderated by Mr. Ridham Desai. Panelist Mr. Govind Parikh, Founder of Govind Parikh Securities, shared his decades of expertise, noting that patience and discipline are the cornerstones of equity market success. He encouraged investors to prioritize quality companies over speculative short-term gains.

SGCCI President Shri Nikhil Madrasi, in his welcome address, stressed the importance of informed decision-making in today's dynamic financial landscape. The event was expertly coordinated by Advisor Shri Ketan Dalal,

while Dr. Rakesh Doshi managed the interactive Q&A session. The forum saw the presence of Vice President Shri Ashok Jirawala, Honorary Secretary Shri Bijal Jariwala, Treasurer CA Mitish Modi, along with several prominent industrialists and investment professionals.





# From Nutrition to Digestion

## Healthy Manpower is the Foundation of a Prosperous Nation Experts at SGCCI Session Share Insights on Nutrition and the Management of Anorectal Diseases

In today's fast-paced lifestyle, neglect of personal health and dietary habits has led to a surge in digestive ailments. To tackle these issues, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a health awareness session titled "From Nutrition to Digestive Health – Building a Healthy and Productive India" on Sunday, **April 19, 2026**, at 'Samruddhi,' Nanpura.

### Nutrition for a Productive Nation

Medical Nutrition Therapist **Ms. Roshni Pithawala** emphasized that balanced nutrition is the cornerstone of a productive society. She cautioned against the rising consumption of fast food and urged the audience to adopt fresh, home-cooked meals. According to her, medical nutrition therapy plays a vital role in boosting immunity and preventing chronic digestive issues, ensuring a robust and energetic workforce.

### Anorectal Health: Awareness and Prevention

Senior Anorectal Surgeons **Dr. Bhavin Bhuva** and **Dr. Naresh Chovatia** provided detailed clinical perspectives on anorectal diseases such as piles, fissures, and fistulas. **Dr. Bhuva** noted that sedentary lifestyles and poor eating habits are the primary triggers for these conditions. **Dr. Chovatia** shared practical tips on lifestyle management, emphasizing regular exercise, adequate water intake, and maintaining hygiene. He stressed that early diagnosis and professional medical advice are crucial for effective



recovery and preventing long-term complications.

SGCCI President **Shri Nikhil Madrasi**, in his welcome address, highlighted the Chamber's commitment to prioritizing the health of the community as a prerequisite for national growth. Group Chairman **Shri Rakesh Gandhi** outlined the program's vision, while **Shri Nikhil Vaghasia**, Co-chairman of the Industrial Workers Health Committee, moderated the session and expressed gratitude to the experts and attendees for their active participation in this vital health initiative.



# Don't Just Wait, Shape the State: Surat's Biggest Voting Push!

**SGCCI and Surat Citizens Council launch a 3-minute digital weapon 'Chalo Mat Aapiye' to inspire voters**

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) has unveiled a powerful documentary, 'Chalo Mat Aapiye', to ignite voter participation. This non-political initiative leverages the influence of prominent city leaders to strengthen the foundations of local democracy.

In a strategic move to boost turnout for upcoming local elections, SGCCI collaborated with the Surat Citizens Council and **Mukeshbhai Patel** of Greenlab Diamonds to produce a compelling three-minute film. The project, launched at the Ushakant Marfatia Seminar Hall in Sarsana, features a stellar lineup of contributors. The narrative was crafted by Dr. Mukul Choksi and brought to life under the direction of **Vaibhav Desai**. The production team, including **Jimmy Desai**, **Setu Upadhyay**, and **Shrey Kothwala**, ensured a high-quality output designed to resonate with the modern digital audience.

### Collaborative Vision for Democracy

The film features influential figures such as Police Commissioner **Anupamsinh Gahlaut**, Collector **Dr. Saurabh Pardhi**, Municipal Commissioner **M. Nagrajan**, and Vice-Chancellor **Dr. Kishorsinh Chavda**. Actress **Yukti Randeria** also lends her voice to the cause. **Nikhil Madrasi**, President of SGCCI, noted that while the organization previously produced 'Line Lagavo', the current digital landscape allows for far greater reach. By screening the film in theaters and across social media, the Chamber aims to surpass the impact of its past awareness campaigns.

**Strategic Direction — Vaibhav Desai**

**Creative Writing — Dr. Mukul Choksi**

**Production Oversight — Setu Upadhyay**

**Musical Composition — Jimmy Desai**

**Commitment to Civic Duty**

This initiative remains strictly non-political, focusing solely on the fundamental right and responsibility of every citizen to participate in the electoral process. By utilizing modern digital platforms, SGCCI continues its legacy of impactful community service, building on the momentum of its successful recent conclaves.

The 'Chalo Mat Aapiye' film will be screened in all theaters across Surat city and will also be broadcast extensively.

**Metric Value**

**Film Duration 3 Minutes**

**Launch Date April 20, 2026**

**Primary Objective Voter Awareness**

**This documentary will serve as an inspiration for every citizen to exercise their right, vote for the right candidate, and strengthen democracy.**  
 — Nikhil Madrasi, President, SGCCI





# Commuter Crisis at Udhna Station: Following SGCCI's Representation, Western Railway Assures More Special Trains

## Chamber Urges Decongestion of Udhna by Utilizing Bhestan and Chalthan Terminals for Holiday Specials

Addressing the recurring chaos and safety concerns at Udhna Railway Station during the peak summer rush, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) has made a high-level representation to the railway authorities. In the wake of the stampede-like situation and immense difficulties faced by passengers last Sunday, a high-power delegation led by SGCCI Railway Committee Chairman Shri Rakesh Shah and Secretary Shri Paulic Desai met the General Manager (GM) of Western Railway, Shri Ramashray Pandey, on Monday, April 20, 2026.

### The Growing Plight of Migrant Workers

SGCCI President **Shri Nikhil Madrasi** highlighted that Surat is home to over **500,000** migrants from states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and West Bengal, who form the backbone of the city's industries. During April and May, coinciding with school vacations, there is a massive exodus of workers traveling with their families. For the past two years, Udhna station has witnessed uncontrollable crowds. The lack of adequate 'Holiday Special' trains leaves these workers, often traveling with infants and elderly parents, in a highly vulnerable and pitiable condition.

### Demand for Strategic Decongestion

The Chamber pointed out a critical logistical flaw: the concentration of most special trains solely at Udhna Railway Station. This centralization leads to overcrowded platforms

and immense pressure on the existing infrastructure. SGCCI has strongly recommended diversifying the departure points by utilizing Bhestan and Chalthan railway stations. Since these stations are located in close proximity to major industrial clusters, they can serve as effective alternative hubs, significantly reducing the dangerous footfall at Udhna and Surat terminals.

### Assurance from Western Railway and Appeal to Industry

Taking note of the gravity of the situation, the General Manager of Western Railway, **Shri Ramashray Pandey**, assured the delegation that additional Holiday Special trains would be mobilized to manage the rush. However, he made a crucial appeal to the industrial community. He noted that the primary cause of chaos is the tendency of workers to travel almost exclusively on Sundays. He urged industrial unit owners to encourage and facilitate their workers' travel on weekdays, which would allow the railways to distribute the passenger load and ensure a safer journey for everyone.

### Key Strategic Recommendations:

**Station Diversification:** Launching special trains from Bhestan and Chalthan.

**Safety Protocols:** Deployment of additional RPF and GRP personnel during peak hours.

**Staggered Travel:** Incentivizing weekday travel to avoid Sunday's peak congestion.





# AI Magic: Surat's Superfast Business Networking Show!

## 3 Rounds, 2584 References, and 10 Crore Business: SGCCI's Historic Speed Test Surat: Smart City, Smarter Networking

While the world is busy talking about AI, Surat's entrepreneurs have put it to work! The SGCCI Business Connect (SBC) hosted Gujarat's first-ever AI Driven 'Speed Business Networking Conclave' on **April 18, 2026**, at Sarsana. This wasn't just a meeting; it was a high-octane fusion of technology and trade, redefining how business is done in the modern era.

### 600 Entrepreneurs: The Ultimate Business Hub

The conclave saw a massive turnout of over 600 entrepreneurs and professionals from Surat, Gandhinagar, Gandhidham, Vadodara, and Ahmedabad. For the first time in the Chamber's history, representatives from more than 10 major organizations gathered under one roof. Under the visionary guidance of President **Nikhil Madrasi** and VP **Ashok Jirawala**, Surat is now racing toward global excellence.

### Expert Take: AI is No Longer an Option

Mumbai's NLP Trainer **Amit Pathak** and Business Coach **Vishal Shah** gave the participants a reality check. **Amit Pathak** stated, "AI is not just software; it is a lethal weapon to win the market." **Vishal Shah** added that speed and efficiency are the new currency of business. Those who don't embrace automation will soon be left behind in the digital race.

### The AI Process: How the 'Business Blast' Happened

The highlight of the event was its lightning-fast process. Driven by AI algorithms:

**Face-to-Face Power:** In 3 separate rounds of 30 minutes each, every entrepreneur met 21 different business owners one-on-one.

**QR Code Magic:** Each table had a QR code. If you liked a business,



you simply **'Scanned'** and the inquiry was registered instantly.

**Live Display:** Under the technical lead of **Vishal Bakshi**, the results were displayed live on digital screens, making the process 100% transparent.

**Record-Breaking Numbers:** 10 Crore Potential

**By the end of the conclave, the numbers told a story of immense success:**

**A total of 2584 references were passed.**

**Each participant generated between 20 to 81 new leads.**

**Preliminary data suggests a business potential of over 10 Crores from this single event.**

### Team Success and Conclusion

Group Chairman **Deepak Kumar Shethwala** remarked that this is just the beginning of a digital networking revolution. The relentless efforts of SBC Chairman **Chandrakant Prajapati**, Treasurer CA **Mitish Modi**, and Advisor **Tapan Jariwala** made this event a grand success. The session was gracefully anchored by **Parul Soshia**, **Pinky Desai**, and **Payal Shah**.





# Global Power India: The World Needs Our Market More Than Ever!

## Wealth Creators Must Be Respected: Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya A Direct Dialogue Between Industry and Government

The SGCCI organized a vital interactive session with Union Minister for Labour, Employment, Youth Affairs, and Sports, **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya**, on **April 23, 2026**. Addressing the industrialists of South Gujarat, the Minister emphasized that the progress of a nation is impossible without entrepreneurs, whom he referred to as the ‘Mahajans’ of modern India.

### The India Advantage: Thriving Amidst Global Uncertainty

Minister **Mandaviya** highlighted that while global tensions rise in the Middle East, no nation wants to risk its ties with India due to its massive market potential and skilled brainpower. Key economic highlights shared:

**Economic Growth:** While the US grows at 3%, China at 4%, and Europe at 2%, India is surging ahead at 7% to 8%.

**Infrastructure Push:** The government has allocated a massive budget of 12 Lakh Crores for infrastructure.

**Speed of Development:** India is now constructing 31 km of highways and 15 km of railway lines every single day.

**Aviation Boost:** In just one decade, the number of airports has increased by 100.

**Tax Revenue:** Monthly GST collections have stabilized at a record 2 Lakh Crores.

### Industry Representations and Government Assurance

**Surat’s industrial leaders raised several key points during the session:**

**Labour Welfare:** Responding to **Pramod Chaudhary’s** request for labour housing and hospitals, the Minister shared that the government is considering a model where private companies manage hospitals with a 10% additional benefit from the state.

**Skill Certification:** **Ashish Gujarati** proposed skill mapping for workers with over 3 years of experience. The Minister welcomed the idea of providing government certification for

experienced workers.

**International Flights:** On **Linesh Shah’s** request for direct flights to global hubs, the Minister promised to facilitate an immediate meeting with the Aviation Ministry.

**New Labour Laws:** **Sohail Sawani** requested awareness for new labour codes. The Minister invited the Chamber to host workshops where Labour Department officials would provide direct guidance.

### Conclusion

The session was led by SGCCI President **Nikhil Madrasi**, with a vote of thanks from VP **Ashok Jirawala**. Former Presidents **Dinesh Navadiya** and **Vijay Mewawala**, along with Treasurer CA **Mitish Modi**, were present, marking the event as a significant milestone for Surat’s industrial advocacy.





# Secrets of Bag Manufacturing Unlocked!

## From Raw Material to Final Packing: A Comprehensive Practical Insight into Quality and Production Learning Beyond Textbooks

To bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical execution, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized an industrial visit to 'Nirant Creations' on Monday, **April 20, 2026**. A delegation of Chamber members participated in this insightful tour to understand the intricacies of the bag manufacturing industry.

### Live Demonstration of the Production Line

The management of Nirant Creations provided a detailed walkthrough of the manufacturing process for various products, including handbags, school bags, office bags, and tourist bags. The visit covered several critical stages:

**Material Selection:** The scientific approach to choosing durable fabrics for different bag types.

**Precision Cutting:** Modern techniques used for accurate raw material cutting.

**Assembly & Stitching:** Observing the skilled workforce and machinery involved in the stitching process.

**Quality Assurance:** Stringent quality control measures implemented at every production stage.

**Packaging:** Final inspection and secure packaging before market distribution.

### Impact of the Visit

Participants highlighted that such visits are essential for gaining a real-world perspective on industrial operations. Understanding the systematic workflows of successful manufacturing units provides invaluable lessons for budding entrepreneurs. Following the success of this visit, SGCCI plans to organize similar educational tours across various industrial sectors in the near future.





# How a Simple ‘Thank You’ Can Flip Your Future!

## Gratitude is Not Just a Word, It’s a Life-Changer: CFO Anyuta Modi’s Secret Sauce Masterclass on Inner Peace

In the rat race of the 21st century, we often forget to appreciate what we have. To bring back this essential life skill, a powerful session titled **‘The Magic: The Power of Gratitude’** was held on Thursday, **April 23, 2026**, at ‘Samruddhi,’ Nanpura. The keynote speaker, Anyuta Modi, CFO of IIM Indore, decoded how the simple act of being thankful can revolutionize both personal and professional spheres.

### The Chairperson’s Vision: A Step Towards Positivity

Welcoming the guests, Ladies Wing Chairperson **Mayuri Mewawala** highlighted that in our chaotic lives, gratitude acts as a grounding force. It’s a simple yet potent emotion that leads us toward mental peace and resilience. This session was designed to empower women with a positive mindset to tackle modern-day stress.

### Anyuta Modi’s Take: Change Your Lens, Change Your Life

**Anyuta Modi**, with her vast experience, shared that gratitude has the power to shift our entire frequency. Key takeaways from her talk included:

**The Power of Perspective:** By being thankful for the little things, we train our brains to focus on the positive, making us calmer and more balanced.

**Daily Rituals:** Gratitude is a muscle that needs daily exercise. Spending just a few minutes every day reflecting on what we are grateful for can rewire our thought patterns.

**Impact on Career & Relationships:** Being appreciative doesn’t just make you happy; it strengthens bonds with colleagues and creates a harmonious environment at the workplace.

### A Successful Wrap-Up

The session was highly interactive, with over **300 women** participating. Advisor Reshmaben Mandlewala introduced the speaker, while Vice-Chairperson Alpa Madras delivered the vote of thanks. The Master of Ceremonies, Seema Makhania, kept the energy high throughout the event. This gathering proved that the real magic lies in appreciating life, one ‘Thank You’ at a time.





# Middle East Conflict: Crisis or Opportunity for Surat's Traders?

## Emerging Opportunities in Canada & Africa: Dr. Vandana Srivastava's Master Analysis

Whenever war clouds loom over the globe, the direct impact is felt on trade coffers. In light of the ongoing Middle East conflict, where should Surat's industrialists focus? To answer this, a high-level session titled "The Conflict in the Middle East and Emerging Opportunities in Alternative Markets" was held on Saturday, **April 25, 2026**, at Sarsana. The session provided a strategic roadmap for entrepreneurs to navigate these volatile times.

### Dr. Vandana Srivastava's Take: Leverage 'China Plus One'

**Dr. Vandana Srivastava**, President of the Albert Chamber of Commerce, performed a deep dive into the geopolitical situation. Key takeaways from her address included:

**Targeting Alternative Markets:** With instability in the Middle East, markets like Canada, Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia are emerging as major opportunities for Indian exporters.

**Quality & Innovation:** By adhering to global quality standards, Indian products can secure a dominant position in the international market.

**India as a Manufacturing Hub:** The world is currently shifting towards a 'China Plus One' strategy. This restructuring of the global supply chain offers India a golden chance to emerge as a global manufacturing giant.

### Vice President's Perspective: Adapting to Change



Welcoming the guests, Vice President **Ashok Jirawala** noted that the Middle East conflict is not just geographical; its economic ripples are being felt worldwide. Surat's textile and diamond industries must adapt quickly. Through strategic research and competitive pricing, Indian businesses can effectively capture emerging markets.

### A Successful Wrap-up

Group Chairman Sanjay Punjabi introduced the keynote speaker and highlighted the session's importance. **Devkishan Mangani**, Chairman of the Global Connect Committee, masterfully moderated the session and delivered the vote of thanks. Over **500 industry** representatives attended the event, gaining invaluable insights into the shifting gears of international trade.



# Profit to Wealth: The Ultimate Listing & Funding Masterplan for Surat!

## Focus Beyond Profits on Enterprise Value: Financial Gurus Reveal IPO & PE Secrets

Surat's business community is renowned for profitability, but the time has come to shift focus from daily 'Profit' to long-term 'Wealth Creation' via capital markets. On Saturday, **April 25, 2026**, a high-octane session titled 'Profit to Wealth Creation' was held at Avadh Utopia. Jointly organized by SGCCI and Kumbhat Investment Banking, the event served as a launchpad for Surat's promoters to explore Private Equity and IPO routes.

### The Expert Conclave: Three Sessions on Strategic Scalability

#### 1. Investor Perspective (Deven Choksey):

In the first session, **Mr. Deven Choksey**, Managing Director of DRChoksey Finserv, analyzed capital allocation and market dynamics. He explained how institutional investors evaluate a business beyond the balance sheet, focusing on long-term value positioning.

#### 2. Private Equity - Why, When & How (Luthra Group & Vinit Rai):

The second panel featured **Mr. Girish Luthra**, **Mr. Dhruv Luthra** (Luthra Group), and **Mr. Vinit Rai**. They discussed the strategic importance of choosing the right investment partners. They highlighted how Private Equity from firms like JM Financial provides external validation to management quality and professionalizes business

operations even in the promoter's absence.

#### 3. The IPO Roadmap (Ashwin Desai & Ketan Jota):

The final session saw **Mr. Ashwin Desai** (Aether Industries) and **Mr. Ketan Jota** (Jota Healthcare) sharing their journey toward becoming public-listed entities. They detailed the IPO timeline, regulatory compliance, and the transformation from a family-run business to a professionally managed corporation.

#### A Success Milestone: Green Gen's 90 Crore Funding

A pivotal highlight was the announcement that Green Gen Enviro Protection & Infrastructure Ltd. (a Luthra Group entity) successfully secured Private Equity funding of 900 Million (90 Crores) from JM Financial, with participation from the SRF Family Office, facilitated by Kumbhat Investment Banking as the exclusive advisor.

#### Leadership & Coordination

The session opened with a welcome address by SGCCI President **Mr. Nikhil Madrasi**. **Mr. Neeraj Kumbhat**, Founder & CMD of Kumbhat Advisors, elaborated on Surat's evolution as a high-growth business hub. The event witnessed a massive gathering of prominent industrialists, entrepreneurs, and HNI investors, providing them with a direct platform to understand the intricacies of public and private market fundraising.





# Stay Young Forever: Reset Your Hormones for Peak Energy!

## Natural Detox and Stress Management: Dr. Ishwar's Guide to a Disease-Free Life

To bridge the gap between a hectic lifestyle and optimal health, a vital session titled "Disease Free Life & Reset Your Hormones for Energy and Youth" was held on Sunday, **April 26, 2026**, at 'Samruddhi,' Nanpura. This session aimed to guide citizens on maintaining hormonal balance to achieve a high-energy, disease-free lifestyle.

### The Magic of Hormonal Reset

Keynote speaker and disease reversal expert, **Dr. Ishwar**, shed light on how our bodies are inherently designed for health, but are disrupted by modern lifestyle imbalances.

**The Root Cause:** Hormonal shifts caused by stress and poor diet are the primary triggers for chronic illnesses.

**Action Plan:** He emphasized that through proper nutrition,

consistent exercise, and quality sleep, one can naturally 'reset' their hormones to reclaim youth and vitality.

**Holistic Approach:** **Dr. Ishwar** guided participants on detoxification and natural healing methods to combat the daily grind.

### Leadership & Support

President **Nikhil Madrasi** reaffirmed the institution's commitment to community health, while Former President **Premkumar Sharda** shared insights on preventive care. Group Chairman **Rakesh Gandhi** welcomed the gathering, and **Mrunal Shukla** provided the project outline. The session saw an enthusiastic turnout of over 400 attendees, all eager to unlock the secrets of a healthier, more productive life.





# Target UK: India-UK FTA to Propel Surat's Exports by 50%!

## Zero Duty Access to Unlock Huge Potential for MSMEs: Joint DGFT Reveals Strategic Roadmap

The much-anticipated India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), set to be implemented in May 2026, is poised to be a watershed moment for Surat's industrial landscape. To decode this opportunity, a seminar on "Export Promotion Mission & MSME Relief Schemes" was organized on April 30, 2026, at Sarsana, in collaboration with the Joint DGFT, Surat.

### Strategic Insights: Capturing the 30 Billion Dollar Opportunity

Joint DGFT Abhimanyu Sharma highlighted that the FTA would slash import-export duties, making Indian products highly competitive in the British market. Key sectors poised for growth include:

**Textiles:** Against UK's total import of **30 Billion USD**, India currently contributes only **2.73 Billion USD**.

**Pharmaceuticals:** India accounts for just **1 Billion USD** in the **UK's 30 Billion USD** pharma market.

**Growth Forecast:** Exports to the UK are expected to surge by an average of 50% over the next 5 to 6 years across sectors like Diamonds, Chemicals, and Engineering goods.

### ECGC: Ensuring Financial Safety

**Saurabh Jain**, Head of ECGC Surat, emphasized the importance of credit guarantee schemes. These financial safety nets are crucial for MSMEs to explore new markets without the fear of payment defaults, thereby fostering trust in international trade.

### Leadership Take

SGCCI President **Nikhil Madrasi** and VP **Ashok Jirawala** collectively urged Surat's business community to capitalize on the 'Niryat Prerana' and 'Niryat Disha' initiatives. The session, moderated by Hon. Treasurer CA **Mitish Modi**, provided a comprehensive roadmap for exporters to transition into the high-growth UK market seamlessly.





# Boss Ladies: Women Entrepreneurs Sizzle at Jaguar Navjivan!

## Power Pitch, Honors & Networking: Scaling the Success Ladder

Surat's women entrepreneurs took center stage on **April 30, 2026**, at Jaguar Navjivan, New Magdalla. The Business Presentation Meeting, organized by the Women Entrepreneur Cell, provided a high-octane platform for ladies to pitch their business models and network with industry stalwarts.

### Key Highlights & Inductions

The event kicked off with an inspiring address by President **Mr. Nikhil Madrasi**, who encouraged women to lead the future of trade. **Ms. Disha Gajjar** from Jaguar Navjivan honored the participants for their grit and contribution to the local economy. Chairperson **Ms. Ankita Valand** introduced the cell's roadmap and formally inducted new members into the professional fold, highlighting the diverse activities planned for the year.

### Mentorship & Orientation

The meet saw the esteemed presence of Hon. Secretary **Mr. Bijal Jariwala**, Treasurer CA **Mitish Modi**, and Group Chairman **Mr. Shailesh Desai**. The session was masterfully anchored by Ms. **Ashita Jariwala** and Ms. **Khyati Bakshi**. To wrap it up, **Ms. Dhara Shah** and **Ms. Hemani Juneja** conducted a comprehensive visitor orientation, guiding



newcomers on how to maximize their business growth through the Chamber's vast global network and specialized cells.



# Go Virtual or Go Home!!

## Digital Transformation Mantra for MSMEs!

### Building a Virtual Business with ‘Websaye’: Expert Shreyas Gandhi’s Tech Talk

Bridging the Digital Divide In an era where the internet is the new marketplace, a vital session titled “Digital Transformation for MSMEs - Building Your Virtual Business with Websaye” was organized on **March 28, 2026**, at Sarsana. The goal was simple: to empower local micro, small, and medium enterprises with the tools needed to thrive in the digital age.

**Virtual Strategy:** The Roadmap to Success **Mr. Shreyas Gandhi**, Director of Veer Infotech, presented a comprehensive guide on transitioning from traditional to virtual business models.

**The Digital Shift:** He emphasized that establishing an online presence is no longer a luxury but a fundamental necessity for business survival.

**The Websaye Advantage:** Participants were introduced to the Websaye platform, showcasing how easily businesses can build websites and manage digital marketing to reach global customers.

**Marketing Mastery:** The session covered the importance of online branding and leveraging digital tools to maximize market reach with minimal investment.



Leadership Take SGCCI President **Mr. Nikhil Madrasi** highlighted that digital transformation is the fastest way to scale a business today. Hon. Treasurer CA **Mitish Modi** and other industry professionals graced the event. Group Chairman **Dr. Anil Saraogi** concluded the session with a vote of thanks. The meet served as a wake-up call for MSMEs to embrace technology and build a future-ready virtual enterprise.

# SGCCI in Headlines

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18 19 20 JULY 2025  
B2B Platform for Weavers & Knitters



1 2 3 AUG. 2025



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