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Dear Chamber Family,

Assuming the helm as the President of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) is not merely a position for me, but a profound responsibility to steer South Gujarat's illustrious economy toward new global horizons. On June 6, 2026, at the Platinum Hall, SIECC, Sarsana, our historic 86th Installation Ceremony concluded in a grand and prestigious assembly, graced by top stalwarts from industry, the judiciary, and governance. I extend my heartiest gratitude to all our seniors, industry veterans, and colleagues for the overwhelming warmth and continuous blessings received during the ceremony and thereafter.

The profound message on corporate social responsibility delivered by our Chief Guest, Union Minister for Jal Shakti Mr. C.R. Patil, emphasizing the critical need for "water conservation over seven generations of wealth creation," will always serve as our guiding compass. Concurrently, the tech-forward mandate announced by Gujarat's Industry Minister Mr. Harsh Sanghavi—abolishing 23 complex bureaucratic processing loops and deploying an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) channel for direct-to-bank textile subsidy transfers—will add significant velocity to our industrial progress.

I would also like to place on record my highest respect and commendation for our outgoing President Mr. Nikhil Madrasi for a highly successful and memorable 365-day inning. Sharing this prestigious platform with me, our newly appointed core team—comprising Vice President Mr. Ravi Raj Desai, Honorary Secretary Mr. Paresh Lathia, and Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel—will form the unyielding bedrock of our organizational solidarity and institutional strength in the years ahead.

Our macroeconomic target and core strengths remain absolutely definitive. While South Gujarat anchors a modest 15% of the state's territory, we command a staggering 30% contribution to Gujarat's

total Gross Domestic Product (GDP)! We drive 27% of India's absolute export charts, while Surat independently channels over ₹18,000 crores in direct income tax and more than Rs. 7,000 crores in GST collections annually into the national treasury. Furthermore, the market capitalization of just five of our locally headquartered listed enterprises exceeds Rs. 63,000 crores.

Fueled by this intense economic capability, we have launched our institutional benchmark for the upcoming year under the banner "Business Beyond Excellence." To transform this vision into reality, work has already commenced on a war footing across 7 core deliverables.

I want to highlight two exceptionally ambitious initiatives here. First, The Startup Open Challenge: A merit-driven incubator where pedigree or recommendations hold no weight, and corporate funding is routed purely based on proprietary idea depth, under our core slogan: 'Jiske idea mein hai dum, uske saath hai hum'. Second, The SGCCI Accelerate-Pro Integration: Partnering with global think-tanks like the Wadhvani Foundation, ATIRA, and AMA to script customized, sector-specific digital playbooks that enable next-generation enterprises to seamlessly upgrade.

Most importantly, the time has arrived for us to aggressively scale the global branding of our regional products. Just as the world respects Swiss horology or French fashion, the Chamber will work extensively through green themes and high-end marketing nodes to establish Surat's fine yarn and diamond processing segments as premium, globally recognized benchmarks.

Let us collaborate in this new era to safeguard South Gujarat's business interests, scale global branding, and collectively scale new heights of industrial advancement.

Ashok Jirawala
President, SGCCI

Vice President's Message From the Editor's Desk

A Strong Launchpad for Next-Gen Innovators

Dear Fellow Members,

Assuming the office of the Vice President during SGCCI's historic 86th Installation Ceremony marks a profoundly humbling milestone in my leadership journey. The institutional trust reposed in my capabilities by our corporate veterans and state authorities reflects a progressive focus toward high-velocity, youth-driven industrial paradigms.

Aligning with the experienced and result-oriented vision of our President Mr. Ashok Jirawala, our newly formed executive board is committed to transforming this upcoming year into a golden era of infrastructure and innovation.

The core policy commitments delivered by our state leadership during the convention—specifically Deputy CM Mr. Harsh Sanghavi's administrative elimination of 23 redundant verification loops and the activation of direct-to-account AI subvention engines—represent immediate operational benefits for our core textile units.

As the Vice President, my focus under our collective "Business Beyond Excellence" framework will center heavily on corporate structural modernization. Through our upcoming digital playbooks in active collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation, ATIRA, and AMA, we aim to standardize operating structures across our diamond and synthetic yarn weaving clusters. Concurrently, our newly deployed merit-driven Startup Open Challenge will insulate grassroots innovators by removing historical barriers to commercial credit. Backed by your enterprise, we shall synergize traditional business strengths with modern technology to establish Surat as a premier global trading and digital hub.



Ravi Raj Desai
Vice-President

Warm Regards,
Ravi Raj Desai
Vice President, SGCCI

Result Oriented leadership

For the apex industrial body SGCCI, the entire month of June 2026 has been defined by landmark policy victories, corporate social initiatives, and high-velocity global trade expansions. Right from the onset of the new executive tenure, the Chamber has successfully transitioned past routine grievance filing to operate as a highly pro-active, outcome-oriented strategic infrastructure.

The primary commercial milestone of the month was the spectacular triumph of the 'Global Fabric Expo 2026' at Sarsana. Registering over 35,000 corporate footfalls and converting them into a record-breaking spot business volume exceeding ₹600 crore, the expo demonstrated the high-capacity readiness of our manufacturing sector. Concurrently, the Chamber's rapid policy intervention with the Union Ministry of Finance yielded phenomenal results. Securing the CBIC extension on critical chemical feedstock concessions, including MEG and PTA, until July 15 has successfully insulated our polyester value chain from ongoing West Asian crude volatility and preserved immediate working capital for regional MSMEs.

Balancing industrial acceleration with deep public welfare, the Chamber's joint oncology conclave with Mumbai's Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital marked a vital healthcare intervention. The drive successfully channeled critical early-detection protocols directly to the community, establishing that timely medical intervention ensures a complete cure coefficient.

Enriched with commercial prosperity, policy victories, and social initiatives, this edition serves as a vivid documentation of the Chamber's visionary and result-oriented journey.

Let us collaborate in these changing times to elevate South Gujarat's industrial landscape to new heights by synergizing the strength of traditional trade with modern innovation.

Warm Regards,
The Editor,
SGCCI Magazine

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A New Era, A New Momentum

SGCCI's Grand 86th Installation Concludes

Ashok Jirawala Assumes Presidency alongside Vice President Ravi Raj Desai

The economic footprint of South Gujarat registered a powerful milestone as The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) hosted its historic 86th Installation Ceremony at the Platinum Hall, SIECC, Sarsana. In a high-stakes corporate assembly attended by union ministers, supreme court judges, and global tech leaders, outgoing President Mr. Nikhil Madrasi officially handed over the institutional gavel to the prominent textile industrialist Mr. Ashok Jirawala for the year 2026-27.

Concurrently, high-alpha young leader Mr. Ravi Raj Desai assumed office as the





youngest Vice President in the Chamber's history. The new core secretariat announced Mr. Paresh Lathia as the Honorary Secretary and Mr. Atul Patel as the Honorary Treasurer.

Accumulate Wealth, But Conserve Water: C.R. Patil

Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Mr. C.R. Patil, presented an uncompromising corporate social responsibility framework to the business community, stating, "While the industry's contribution to India's macroeconomics remains undisputed, the time has arrived for manufacturing conglomerates to heavily



sponsor water sustainability infrastructure. You may have structurally secured your family's financial future across seven generations through sheer corporate excellence, but if you fail to insulate liquid water resources for the next generation, aggregate asset valuations mean nothing. Remember, water controls tomorrow."

AI-Driven Subsidies: Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi Promises Bureaucracy-Free Operations

Gujarat's Deputy Chief Minister and Industry Minister, Mr. Harsh Sanghavi, delivered a bulletproof





operational assurance to the corporate ecosystem: “Gujarat has set a nationwide benchmark by clearing the highest volume of industrial financial subsidies on record. To institutionalize ‘Ease of Doing Business,’ our administration has permanently abolished 23 redundant statutory documents and processing loops. We are currently testing an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) enterprise routing program designed to disburse textile financial subsidies directly into manufacturers’ bank accounts, cutting out all manual interventions. If you face any administrative roadblock, contact my secretariat immediately; the



state stands firmly behind its wealth creators.”

A Spectacular Exit

Outgoing President Mr. Nikhil Madrasi presented a high-performance balance sheet of his dynamic 365-day administration. His aggressive policy interventions with central and state regulatory frameworks unlocked a cumulative financial advantage of Rs. 17,105 crores for South Gujarat’s trade network, driven by key tactical victories:

His tenure reached global scales when an 18-member SGCCI industrial cell accompanied the Hon’ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, to







Botswana, leading to Surat's KP Group locking in a monumental Rs. 36,000 crore clean energy greenfield MOU. Acknowledging these structural triumphs, former SGCCI President Mr. Kamlesh Yagnik moved an official resolution of appreciation, prompting the entire executive hall to stand up and deliver a prolonged standing ovation.

The Prescient Vision of President Ashok Jirawala: Accelerating Business Beyond Excellence

Assuming the presidency, Mr. Ashok Jirawala energized the auditorium by illustrating South Gujarat's intense macroeconomic dominance:

"Our geographic footprint represents a modest 15% of the state's territory, yet we anchor 30% of Gujarat's total Gross Domestic Product (GDP)! We drive 17% of India's aggregate industrial output and command an impressive 27% of the nation's total export trade charts. Surat independently channels over Rs. 18,000 crores in direct income tax and more than Rs. 7,000 crores in GST collections annually into the national treasury. The market capitalization of just five of our locally headquartered listed enterprises exceeds Rs. 63,000 crores." Operating 65% of the national synthetic fabric infrastructure, the city processes 6 crore meters of fabric daily, sustaining 20 lakh direct manufacturing jobs.

Launching his administrative benchmark under the banner "Business Beyond Excellence," he committed to 7 comprehensive institutional deliverables:

1. 24x7 Industrial Emergency Response Line: A round-the-clock live legal and administrative helpline engineered to assist corporate members facing sudden operational challenges.

2. Next-Generation Digital Business Library: Transforming the traditional archives at SGCCI into



a high-speed intelligence hub that translates central fiscal policies, global trade barriers, and subvention details into clear briefs for grassroots MSMEs.

3. The Merit-Driven Startup Fund Strategy: Evaluating innovators based purely on proprietary idea depth rather than pedigree, backed by the slogan: 'Jiske idea mein hai dum, uske saath hai hum'.

4. The SGCCI Accelerate-Pro Integration: Partnering with global think-tanks like the Wadhvani Foundation, ATIRA, and AMA to script customized, sector-specific digital playbooks, enabling next-generation enterprises to seamlessly upgrade to automated frameworks.

5. Green Theme & Global Branding: Spearheading urban green initiatives while branding Surat's diamond and fine yarn segments on par with luxury Swiss or French trade configurations.

6. Medical Tourism & Co-Working Spaces: Positioning Surat as a premier medical tourism corridor while constructing state-of-the-art co-working hubs for young professionals.

7. Single-Window Clearance & CFC Execution: Fast-tracking industrial single-window compliance centers and launching shared Common Facility Centers (CFC) to maximize manufacturing margins.

The session also drew strong theoretical validations from Supreme Court Justice Mr. J.K. Maheshwari, who advocated for commercial 'Mediation' over traditional litigation loops, while IT titan Dr. Anand Deshpande quantified AI frameworks as a primary productivity booster. Mr. Chandubhai Virani shared his inspirational journey, highlighting entrepreneurial agile-thinking, while Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni delivered spiritual benedictions for the new core board.

Distinguished Dignitaries: A Unified Assembly of



Global and Regional Leadership

The historic installation was officially witnessed by presidents of over 150 industrial associations alongside an unmatched assembly of top-tier institutional leaders:

- **Judiciary & Executive Cabinet:** Hon'ble Justice Mr. J.K. Maheshwari (Supreme Court of India), Union Minister Mr. C.R. Patil, Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Harsh Sanghavi, Vice-Chairman of Gujarat Legislative Assembly Mr. Purnesh Modi, State Minister Mr. Praful Pansheriya, and Mayor of Surat Smt. Mayaben Mavani.

- **Parliamentary Delegation (MPs):** Rajya Sabha MP Mr. Govindbhai Dholakia, Surat MP Mr. Mukesh Dalal, Valsad MP Mr. Dhaval Patel, and Bardoli MP Mr. Prabhu Vasava.

- **Corporate & Industrial Stalwarts:** Dr. Anand Deshpande (Persistent Systems), Mr. Chandubhai Virani (Balaji Wafers), Mr. Vishal Chaddha (Wadhvani Foundation), and Mr. Yuka Yoshida (Director General, JETRO Ahmedabad).

- **Administrative & Institutional Secretariat:** Surat Police Commissioner Mr. Anupam Singh Gehlot, Surat Municipal Commissioner Mr. Nagrajan, Leader of the Ruling Party at SMC Smt. Alpaben Mehta, Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni, past SGCCI Presidents (including Mr. Kamlesh Yagnik and Mr. Vijay Mewawala), outgoing Honorary Secretary Mr. Bijal Jariwala, outgoing Honorary Treasurer CA Meetish Modi, All Exhibition Chairman Mr. Kiran Thummar, alongside key heavy-industry delegates representing major corporations in Hazira.



The Changing of the Guard

New Office-Bearers Officially Assume Charge at SGCCI!

Following the high-profile 86th Installation Ceremony at Sarsana, the newly elected office-bearers of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) have officially assumed their executive charges for the fiscal year 2026-27. In a structural transition corporate meeting held on Sunday, the outgoing board of 2025-26 formally handed over all institutional responsibilities and financial controls to the incoming team.

In alignment with the Chamber's long-standing protocol, outgoing President Mr. Nikhil Madrasi officially passed the presidential gavel to Mr. Ashok Jirawala, welcoming him to the helm. Consequently, the newly installed President, Mr. Ashok Jirawala, extended a warm corporate welcome to the newly elected Vice President, Mr. Ravi Raj Desai.

- **Immediate Past President:** Handed over by Mr. Vijay Mewawala to the outgoing President, Mr. Nikhil Madrasi.
- **Honorary Secretary:** Transferred from the desk of Mr. Bijal Jariwala to the newly appointed Secretary, Mr. Paresh Lathia.
- **Honorary Treasurer:** Financial assets and institutional ledgers were handed over by CA Meetish Modi to the incoming Treasurer, Mr. Atul Patel.
- **All Exhibition Chairman:** Portfolio officially transferred from Mr. Kiran Thummar to Mr. Manish Kapadia.
- **Ladies Wing Chairperson:** Structural leadership of the wing was passed from Mrs. Mayuri Mewawala to Mrs. Alpa Madrasi.



The Jirawala Era Begins at SGCCI: Sarsana Flooded with VIP Wishes!

Executive Succession: High-Profile Political Dignitaries and Industry Czars Congregate to Welcome the New Chamber Chief; Charting a New Dynamic for South Gujarat's Trade Grid



Mr. Ashok Jirawala has formally assumed operational charge as the President of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI). Immediately following his official taking of the oath, a high-profile continuous stream of eminent industrial leaders, socio-commercial architects, and top-tier political stalwarts converged at the SGCCI International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Sarsana, Surat, to deliver official congratulatory protocols.

• Political Leaders:

1. Mr. Mukesh Dalal — Hon'ble Member of Parliament (MP), Surat Constituency
2. Mr. Arvind Rana — Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Surat

• **Industrial Bureaucracy:** Core administrative directors of synthetic textile clusters, diamond bourses, infrastructure developers, and regional MSME chamber associates.

Synergizing Regional Trade and State Policy

During the high-level reception, Surat MP Mr. Mukesh Dalal and MLA Mr. Arvind Rana presented formal floral honors to President Mr. Ashok Jirawala. The elected representatives articulated strong institutional confidence, affirming that under Mr. Jirawala's administrative leadership, South Gujarat's multi-billion dollar manufacturing apparatus will scale to top global tiers. They guaranteed seamless bilateral coordination between central corridors and local manufacturing grids to support upcoming export models.

Expressing his gratitude to the visiting dignitaries, President Ashok Jirawala affirmed that SGCCI remains fully committed to safeguarding local business interests, empowering regional enterprise, and strategically expanding Surat's footprint across global trade channels.





From Local Looms to Global Rooms!

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) concluded its high-octane, three-day industrial exhibition, "Global Fabric Expo 2026," hosted at the Surat International Exhibition and Convention Centre (SIECC) in Sarsana. Transitioning from its legacy brand 'Vivneet' into a high-yield global trading platform, the expo generated an unprecedented milestone, capturing over Rs. 600 crore in spot and prospective business for regional weaving and processing clusters.

Strategic Appeal to Expand Manufacturing into Tribal Corridors

In his ministerial address, Dr. Jayram Gamit warmth-asserted, "Surat's textile entrepreneurs command global respect built entirely on high quality, continuous innovation, and rapid technology adoption. Backed by PM Narendra Modi and CM Bhupendra Patel's commitment to global window clearances and high-capacity GIDC logistics, Surat operates as the core engine of Developed India."





Global Fabric Expo 2026 Concludes in Surat : Records Exceeding Rs. 600 Crore in Corporate Business Under 35,000 Footfalls!

Distinguished VIP Dignitaries at the Inaugural Ceremony

• **Chief Guest & Inaugurator:** Dr. Jayram Gamit (Hon'ble Minister of State for Industries, Government of Gujarat)

• **Special Guests (Corporate Leaders):**

1. Mr. Murugan Thenkondar — Global President (Business Development), Grasim Industries Limited
2. Mr. Ajay Ajmera — CEO & Founder, Ajmera Fashion Limited
3. Mr. Amit Dobariya — Founder, Sarjan International
4. Mr. Rajnesh Dutt — Manager, Bombay Dyeing

• **SGCCI Executive Panel:** Mr. Ashok Jirawala (President), Mr. Paresh Lathia (Honorary Secretary), Mr. Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. Nikhil Madras (Immediate Past President), Mr. Manish Kapadia (All Exhibition Chairman & Moderator), and Dr. Haresh Patel (Expo Committee Chairman).

He formally invited Surat's textile barons to expand their manufacturing footprints into the rural blocks of Songadh-Tapi—specifically Kukarmunda, Sakarda, Chikhlipada, and Uchchhal—to generate localized employment for tribal youth. He also lauded SGCCI President Ashok Jirawala's successful advocacy in securing Category-1 status for Valod and Vyara.

Local to Global: Buyers from Ghana and the Netherlands Lead Bulk Orders

Highlighting the international scope of the event, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala stated, "Our corporate mission has decisively graduated from 'Local to National' to 'Local to Global.' Matching this vision, the expo registered over 35,000 visitors within 3 days. This included 2,500 high-capacity genuine buyers from 15 premier domestic textile hubs—such as Jaipur, Pune, Banaras, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Delhi—alongside corporate purchase managers and international trade delegates flying in from Ghana and the Netherlands."





Showcasing Disruptive Material Science and Future Fabrics

Dr. Haresh Patel, Chairman of Global Fabric Expo 2026, highlighted that market demand centered heavily on home furnishing fabrics, advanced nylon structures, and waterjet value additions. The premium displays included:

- **Advanced Material Prints:** Viscose fabrics featuring advanced position printing tech, alongside airjet-woven Salsa Plain and Salsa Buti fabrics.
- **Integrated Home Textiles:** High-density shower curtains, hospitality drapes, black-out/white-out microfibers, and ultrasonic fabrics engineered by Surat's composite units.
- **Premium Luxury Fashion:** Pashmina bomber jacket materials, Lappet Embroidered Fabrics generating direct on-loom embroidery metrics, and eco-friendly recycled cotton sheets synthesized entirely from post-industrial textile waste.

The 4 Core Operational Directives Shared by Global

Corporates

During institutional interactions, supply chain experts from Bombay Dyeing and Grasim Industries delivered strategic insights to local manufacturers to navigate hyper-competition:

1. **Prioritize Specialization:** The future of global manufacturing belongs strictly to specialization and margin-rich value addition rather than basic volume scaling.
2. **Capitalize on Bio-Degradables:** Global consumer preference is realigning toward eco-friendly, certified bio-degradable fibers; R&D cells must focus on recycled textiles.
3. **Coopetition Models:** Emulating China's strategic trade blueprint, local firms should convert competitors into collaborators to seamlessly execute high-volume global contracts.
4. **Agile Micro-Orders:** Surat's MSME weavers can boost structural export indexing by capturing diversified small-batch orders and executing strict, zero-delay delivery timelines.





Sell Outcomes, Not Man-Hours: AI Will Disrupt Tech Firms Trapped in Legacy Coding!

SGCCI & Integrity Network Host 'Ask Me Anything': Persistent Systems Founder Dr. Anand Deshpande Deploys the 'Buffalo Strategy' for IT Enterprises Crossing ₹25 Crore Milestones

To structurally re-align the strategic framework of Surat's software engineers, SaaS innovators, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) pioneers, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and Integrity Network co-organized a high-octane "Ask Me Anything" interactive briefing. The corporate seminar featured tech titan Dr. Anand Deshpande, Founder and Chairman of Persistent Systems, who shared technical growth frameworks with local tech founders commanding an annual turnover of over Rs. 25 crores.

The 4 Golden Parameters of Enterprise Scaling

Reflecting on his journey of scaling an IT startup from 10 engineers to a global enterprise of 28,500+ professionals, Dr. Anand Deshpande noted that companies frequently encounter growth plateaus. Overcoming these barriers requires 4 fundamental changes:

1. **Clear Mission:** Building a high-performance workforce requires a clearly defined objective. The mission statement must be compelling enough to attract top-tier engineering talent.

2. **Market Leadership (Niche Targeting):** Instead of aggressively competing for microscopic shares in massive, generalized tech segments, enterprises should target specific niches to lock down at least a 20% market share, transforming them into top-of-mind sector leaders.

3. **Transitioning from 'My' to 'Our' Company:** Founders must transition from centralized execution to structured delegation. Retaining top leadership requires integrating Equity Shares (ESOPs) to turn core executives into stakeholders.

4. **Corporate Governance & Independent Boards:** Establish an independent board of external domain experts to enforce operational discipline. Quarterly

evaluations must rely strictly on objective data indices rather than interpersonal relationships.

The Shift to Outcome-Based Pricing in the Era of AI

Analyzing major shifts driven by machine intelligence, Dr. Deshpande cautioned: "AI systems code and process data analytics at speeds that outpace human baselines. It directly reduces production time and layout efforts. Consequently, IT enterprises operating on traditional body-shopping or selling software development purely via 'man-hours' cannot sustain margins. The industry must pivot toward Outcome-based pricing models." He further explained that since major corporations avoid uploading sensitive enterprise training data onto public AI models, the global market will experience a substantial surge in demand for highly secure, proprietary models and localized AI agents.

Cracking Global Markets via the 'Buffalo Strategy'

Addressing queries on how Indian SaaS startups can effectively penetrate large international trade zones like the US, Dr. Deshpande introduced a unique operational model: "Early-stage enterprises should avoid depleting capital on organic international distribution. Instead, leverage established global software ecosystems—conceptually acting as the 'fly on the back of a moving buffalo.' Wherever the buffalo

rooms, the fly integrates seamlessly. By building plug-and-play modules centered around massive anchor platforms like Salesforce, Microsoft, or AWS, startups gain immediate channel access to millions of pre-validated enterprise clients."

Honoring Surat's Tech Elite: The 10X Growth Pioneers

The milestone tech briefing culminated in an exclusive awards presentation hosted by Dr. Anand Deshpande, honoring three premier software enterprises from Surat that achieved a 10x growth trajectory within the last 4 calendar years:

- Mr. Swamish Kakadiya (Vasundhara Infotech)
- Mr. Nairav & Mr. Pravesh (Designviz)
- Mr. Sandipbhai (Leading E-commerce Aggregator)

These tech founders shared their operational insights and scaling milestones with the participating delegates.

The core organizing committee—comprising Mr. Chetan Patel, Mr. Punit Gajera, Mr. Amar Panchal, Mr. Nirav Alagiya, Mr. Saumish Kakadiya, and Mr. Ganpat Dhamelia—affirmed that these strategic masterclasses are designed to structurally elevate Surat's IT ecosystem to global standards. The high-profile assembly concluded with an open-floor technical discussion, supported by the corporate presence of SGCCI Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel, Dr. Anil Sarawagi, and Dr. Vijay Radadiya.



Textile Breakthrough: Polyester FDY Yarn Containers Officially Released from Ports!

High-Stakes Intervention: SGCCI President Ashok Jirawala Resolves Trade Deadlock in Joint CCFC Briefing with Top Customs Authorities following High Court Mandate

In a major macro-industrial victory for South Gujarat's textile manufacturing ecosystem, the Customs Department has officially released the long-delayed Polyester FDY import containers. Following swift, high-level representations by the newly installed Chamber leadership, the custom cells confirmed the total liquidation of the port deadlock—effectively delivering the locked raw material supply back to regional weavers.

The Legal Background: QCO Exemption Suspended by High Court

The operational bottleneck originated when the Government of India's DCPC via Order No. 5134(E) dismantled rigid Quality Control Orders (QCO) for Polyester FDY yarn lines. This de-licensing was legally challenged by M/s Orillon before the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court via SCA No. 16973 of 2025. The court subsequently granted an interim stay on the deregulation, forcing customs authorities to freeze inbound yarn consignments at various maritime hubs. **Appellate Victory: High Court Vacates the Interim Stay**

Responding to the supply crunch, the Central Government filed a Letters Patent Appeal (LPA No. 419) demanding immediate restoration of trade channels. Upon analyzing the macro-industrial impact, the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court verbally vacated the stay order. Since the initial mandate governed the entire spectrum of Polyester FDY, the vacation automatically extends clearance relief to all auxiliary product categories, including Polyester Mother Yarn and Mono Yarn lines.

President Ashok Jirawala Commands CCFC Technical Review

Leveraging the judicial clarity, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala spearheaded a crucial Clearances Facilitation Committee (CCFC) review board with top-



tier customs administrators, including the Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs Mr. Pranesh Pathak, Commissioner of Customs Mr. Manish Kulhari, and Additional Commissioner of Customs Mr. Ram Bishnoi.

The strategic session locked down two major operational deliverables:

- **Immediate Container Release:** All stranded container units carrying Polyester FDY yarn varieties successfully exited the docks following the Chamber's successful push.
- **POY Pipeline Clearance Backing:** The Custom Secretariat extended a formal assurance to implement immediate tracking and accelerate processing to release pending POY (Partially Oriented Yarn) lines next.

With hundreds of crores in capital assets locked at the docks, local weaving and warp-knitting setups were facing severe capacity under-utilization. Welcoming the swift administrative resolution, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala conveyed the manufacturing sector's appreciation to the entire customs executive branch for safeguarding regional industrial productivity.

Liquidity Lifeline

SGCCI Urges Chief Minister to Waive Stamp Duty on ECLGS 5.0 Loans for Distressed MSMEs

President Ashok Jirawala Dispatches High-Level Proposal to CM Bhupendra Patel to Insulate Regional Trade from Geopolitical Headwinds



Amid intensifying geopolitical friction in West Asia and widespread global economic uncertainty, the trade infrastructure of Gujarat is facing major logistical challenges. Disruptions in international supply chains coupled with skyrocketing ocean freight rates have placed immense pressure on MSMEs. To mitigate this liquidity crunch, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) has submitted an urgent policy proposal to the state government.

SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala has formally written to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Bhupendra Patel, requesting a comprehensive waiver or substantial subvention on the stamp duty charged on mortgage deeds executed under the Central Government's ECLGS 5.0 (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).

The Dual Crisis: West Asian Conflict vs. Capital Capitalization Barriers

The prolonged conflict in West Asia has significantly impacted international logistics, export trade pipelines, and consumer sentiment. Manufacturing units across Surat and broader South Gujarat are navigating a severe deficit in working capital, escalating input costs, extended payment cycles from global buyers, and domestic market volatility.

While the Government of India's ECLGS 5.0 intervention offers a critical financing buffer by extending additional credit guarantees, the operational prerequisite of registering commercial property mortgages

attracts high stamp duty outlays. This friction point acts as an immediate capital drain on mid-tier entrepreneurs when liquidity preservation is paramount.

The 3 Core Institutional Benefits of the Proposed Waiver:

1. Accelerated Credit Inflow: Eliminating stamp duty barriers will optimize loan origination timelines across commercial banks, instantly deploying working capital into factories.

2. Operational Resilience: Enhanced liquidity ensures continuous production cycles despite global order volatility, directly insulating regional manufacturing employment baselines.

3. Strengthening Brand Gujarat: The proactive tax intervention will reinforce the state's position as a premier, pro-business economic zone.

Inter-Ministerial Outreach to Top Bureaucracy

To facilitate rapid executive execution, copies of this strategic representation have been routed directly to Home and Industry Minister Mr. Harsh Sanghavi, Finance Minister Mr. Kanubhai Desai, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Dr. Jeanthi Ravi (IAS), and Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) Mr. T. Natarajan (IAS).

SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala expressed high confidence that under the Chief Minister's progressive governance framework, the state administration will rapidly institute this fiscal relief to stabilize the diamond, textile, and ancillary MSME segments.



Bull Run in Gold by Diwali

Nifty and Sensex to Remain Subdued Until February 2027

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a high-concept seminar titled "Astrology-Intuition, Market View, Current Affairs, and Youth Awareness in Modern Times." The specialized session bridged ancient core frameworks with modern commercial strategies, providing regional trade leaders and financial allocators with alternative modeling vectors for corporate and personal scaling.

Introducing the keynote speaker, Group Chairman Dr. Vijay Radadiya highlighted that at the age of 23, Astrologer Mr. Vishwa Vora has earned immense prestige. He engineered the precise institutional timelines for the Ayodhya Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha, the Surat Diamond Bourse initialization, and the central NDA government's swearing-in layout. He also generated an accurate pre-election forecast regarding Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential elections.

Macro Forecasts: Equities, Bullion, and Key Industrial Verticals

Analyzing economic charts derived from national astronomical indicators, Mr. Vora delivered major asset class predictions:

- **Gold and Silver:** Precious metals will experience a downward consolidation phase until July 17, 2026, presenting a premier capital deployment window for long-term investors. Post-July, a massive structural bull run will take over

until Diwali, with gold poised to potentially breach the historical Rs. 2 lakh threshold.

- **Equity Markets:** Both the Nifty 50 and Sensex matrices will exhibit structural weakness and bearish undercurrents until February 2027. During this corrective cycle, large-cap equities may face margin contraction, whereas selected small-cap counters are expected to capture alpha.

- **Real Estate and Industry Sectors:** The real estate, agri-commodities, and FMCG verticals will face a challenging operating environment throughout 2026, followed by a strong macro rebound in 2027. Conversely, copper, aluminum, textiles, and the plywood industry will witness solid production expansion.

- **Geopolitical Outlook:** Geopolitical trade frictions and localized conflicts will continue to trigger global supply shocks through October. Export houses routing freight to Southern and Western corridors must implement strict risk mitigation hedging.

The 8 Pillars of Ancient Calculation as Operational Principles

Mr. Vishwa Vora emphasized that classical astrology operates purely as a mathematical guidance system governed by cause-and-effect dynamics rather than blind superstition. He explained the operational criteria of its primary divisions:

1. **Muhurta Shastra (Timing Optimization):** Executing new



Renowned Astrologer Vora Outlines Macroeconomic Cycles, Commodity Trends, and Astrological Frameworks for Next-Gen Corporate Leadership

enterprise launches during the Vijay, Brahma, or Godhuli cycles maximizes success coefficients. The union administration's oath ceremony on June 9 at 7:17 PM was configured specifically to tap into a high-strength astrological chart.

2. Vastu Shastra (Spatial Architecture): Household altars must be positioned above the navel axis, with iconic alignments facing West or South. Keeping a silver coin within kitchen water reservoirs and utilizing even-numbered burners optimizes spatial energy. Corporate earners should sleep with their heads aligned to the South, while students should align to the East.

3. Numerology: Modifying literal alphabet strings within corporate branding delivers zero utility unless the phonetic pronunciation and acoustic frequency are altered.

4. Samudrik Shastra (Morphological Analysis): Behavioral traits can be mapped via physical locomotion patterns. Individuals with a wider walking gait exhibit a higher risk appetite, while those landing their heels first command intrinsic self-confidence.

5. Nimitta & Dream Analysis: Early morning subconscious sequences yield predictive value only

if retained textually, though positive manifestations must not be disclosed prematurely.

6. Prashna & Medini Astrology: In the absence of baseline birth charts, the exact timestamp of an inquiry forms the basis for accurate tracking (Prashna Shastra), while Medini astrology maps global macroeconomic shifts and commodity market indices. **Cultivating Balanced Vision in Next-Gen Entrepreneurs**

In his welcome address, SGCCI Vice President Mr. Ravi Raj Desai noted that as the younger demographic shifts away from foundational systems, India—as the world's youngest consumer base—requires balanced critical thinking and cognitive alignment. Honorary Secretary Mr. Paresh Lathia added that the Chamber remains fundamentally committed to driving both trade acceleration and the holistic psychological development of the region's human capital.

The high-profile masterclass concluded with a dynamic open-floor Q&A moderated by Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel, who delivered the official vote of thanks. The technical exchange drew widespread participation from sector institutional heads and corporate directors.



Gujarat Unveils High-Octane Industrial Policy to Fuel Next-Gen Enterprise and Sustainable Growth!



The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) President, Mr. Ashok Jirawala, officially welcomed the trade-friendly, structurally transformative policy updates. On behalf of the leading conglomerates and industrial hubs of South Gujarat, he conveyed corporate appreciation to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Bhupendra Patel, and Deputy Chief Minister and Industry Minister, Mr. Harsh Sanghavi, for designing a forward-looking industrial roadmap.

President Mr. Ashok Jirawala highlighted: "The bold decision to compress the traditional taluka classification grid from 3 tiers to just 2 precise bands—Category 'A' (Developing) and Category 'B' (Developed)—is a premier ease-of-doing-business reform. This optimization will eliminate red tape and funnel balanced private equity into under-served zones. Furthermore, aligning the state's MSME framework completely with central government baselines will structurally upscale small-scale manufacturers to capture national market share." **Universal Capital Subventions and Strategic Thrust Sectors**

A core pillar of this policy is the implementation of universal financial subventions spanning Capital, Interest, and Energy cost relief across all manufacturing tiers—including MSME, Large, Mega, and Ultra Mega investment blocks. Micro-enterprises receive a

significant working capital cushion, with a statutory commitment to release cleared capital subsidies within a strict 1-year window. Concurrently, the policy establishes a solid foundation to cement Gujarat as a global manufacturing node by deploying heavy incentives to critical thrust sectors, including Green Energy, Semiconductor foundries, and E-Mobility arrays.

Accelerating Innovation: Institutional Seed Capital and Clean Infrastructure Grants

Emphasizing the infrastructure upgrades, Mr. Jirawala noted that next-gen tech founders will receive unmatched fiscal backing. The state has committed a monthly sustenance allowance of Rs. 25,000 for standard startups, upgraded to Rs. 30,000 for women-led ventures, alongside a foundational seed support matrix capping at Rs. 40 lakhs (inclusive of a Rs. 10 lakh premium for social-impact tech deployment).

To drive logistical scaling, the policy earmarks a 25% capital subsidy (capped at Rs. 50 crores) for Industrial Park setups, alongside a 50% matching grant (capped at Rs. 50 crores annually) for corporate R&D centers. Prioritizing green manufacturing, common environmental processing networks will access power at a flat rate of Rs. 1 per unit. The state will also co-finance wastewater recycling projects up to 50%



SGCCI Welcomes Macro Reforms: President Ashok Jirawala Commends Strategic Re-Classifications and Capital Subventions Enacted by CM Bhupendra Patel and Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi

(capped at Rs. 75 crores per unit), backed by aggressive Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) subventions of Rs. 5 crores per MLD for MSMEs and Rs. 7.5 crores per MLD for large setups, alongside specialized cleaner production infrastructure assistance reaching up to Rs. 2 crores.

The Chamber expressed absolute certainty that this balanced capital allocation will trigger an unprecedented inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), initiating a golden chapter in Gujarat's macroeconomic growth.

A Victory for SGCCI: Representation Fructifies!

Lobbying Decisive for Vyara, Valod, and Mangrol Talukas

The strategic policy advocacy driven by the Chamber of Commerce for the structural expansion of South Gujarat's tribal belt has successfully materialized in the New Industrial Policy. The state administration

formally integrated the Chamber's proposal into the newly optimized structural matrix:

- **Tapi District:** Vyara and Valod talukas have been officially classified under 'Category-A' (Developing Talukas), unlocking maximum capital subsidies and interest subventions.

- **Surat District:** The industrially underserved Mangrol taluka has also secured placement within the high-incentive 'Category-A' grid.

The Outcome: Armed with low land capitalization costs, superior logistical geometry (direct NH-6 & NH-48 access), and strategic alignment near the DMIC corridor, these three zones are now positioned to operate as South Gujarat's next-generation manufacturing hubs—triggering massive private equity and localized employment.

Policy Highlights At a Glance

Sector / Provision	Key Benefits and Fiscal Incentives Under the New Policy
Taluka Classification	Talukas compressed into just 2 precise bands – Category 'A' (Developing) and Category 'B' (Developed).
MSME Definition	Completely aligned with Central Government baselines to maximize national competitiveness.
Universal Subventions	Capital, Interest, and Energy cost relief across all tiers (MSME, Large, Mega, Ultra Mega). Micro-enterprise subsidies to be released within a strict 1-year window.
Thrust Sectors	Aggressive, specialized backing for Green Energy, Semiconductor foundries, and E-Mobility arrays.
Startup Incentives	Monthly sustenance allowance of Rs. 25,000 for standard startups and Rs. 30,000 for women-led ventures. Seed support up to Rs. 30 lakhs (plus Rs. 10 lakhs premium for social-impact tech).
Infrastructure & R&D	25% capital subsidy (capped at Rs. 50 crores) for Industrial Park setups; 50% matching grant (capped at Rs. 50 crores annually) for corporate R&D centers.
Environmental Subventions	Flat power rate of Rs. 1 per unit for common environmental processing networks. Up to 50% co-financing (capped at Rs. 75 crores) for wastewater recycling. ZLD subventions of Rs. 5 crores/MLD for MSMEs and Rs. 7.5 crores/MLD for large setups. Cleaner production infrastructure assistance reaching up to Rs. 1 crore for MSMEs and Rs. 2 crores for others.



Golden Footprints in Tourism With 200 Million Annual Footfalls, Gujarat Opens Lucrative Corridors for Investors!

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a high-level seminar titled “Investment Opportunities with Gujarat Tourism” at the ‘Samruddhi’ pavilion in Nanpura, Surat. The strategic session featured Mr. Sanatan Pancholi, a distinguished tourism expert with nearly 4 decades of executive tenure at the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat, who delivered a comprehensive operational roadmap to Surat’s business community. Notably, Mr. Pancholi played a foundational role in drafting the state’s landmark Heritage Tourism, Film Tourism, and Homestay policies.

Presenting a data-driven overview of Gujarat’s tourism matrix, Mr. Pancholi stated, “With a record influx exceeding 200 million tourists annually, Gujarat stands as the fastest-growing tourism ecosystem in the nation. The state commands unique structural assets, including India’s longest coastline, rich heritage monuments, mountain terrains, wildlife

sanctuaries, lion safaris, pilgrimage hubs, and vibrant cultural properties.” He noted that local travel stakeholders and financial allocators have yet to fully tap into the monetization potential of this massive consumer base.

Key Fiscal Incentives Under the Gujarat Tourism Policy

To accelerate private sector participation and premium infrastructure development, the seminar detailed the extensive fiscal subventions available to greenfield and brownfield investors:

- **Tax and Duty Subventions:** 100% stamp duty reimbursement or absolute waiver on land acquisitions, alongside extended exemptions from state electricity duties.
- **Capital and Interest Subventions:** Direct capital subsidies for initial infrastructure layout, supplemented by institutional interest subsidies on long-term project loans.

- **Taxation Alignment:** Specialized GST-linked incentives and structured operational reimbursements to optimize profit margins.

- **Eco-Mobility Incentives:** Dedicated fiscal backing for deploying Electric Vehicle (EV) transport networks across designated tourist zones.

- **Asset-Class Specific Grants:** Premium financial incentives targeting hotels, luxury resorts, wellness retreats, adventure tourism hubs, and heritage property restorations.

- **Global Exposure Backing:** Comprehensive matching grants to cover operational and branding costs at national and international travel exhibitions.

Monetizing Hidden Gems, Festive Packages, and PPP Models

The discourse highlighted the commercial viability of developing lesser-known destinations and upscaling the rural 'Homestay' vertical. Mr. Pancholi emphasized that next-gen entrepreneurs can capture substantial foreign direct expenditure by strategically packaging native mega-events like Navratri, the Rann Utsav, the Shamlaji Fair, and localized heritage festivals.

He confirmed that the state administration actively welcomes private developers via Public-Private Partnership (PPP) configurations. However, project allocations require strictly detailed, ecologically sustainable, and commercially viable blueprints. Elevating the tourism matrix is a collaborative mandate requiring active alignment between institutional investors, hospitality providers, and localized ecosystems to transition Gujarat into a premier global travel node.

Corporate Networking and Executive Engagement

The seminar commenced with a welcome brief by Committee Chairman Mr. Vinesh Shah. Aviation Committee Co-Chairman Mr. Kantilal Sohagia outlined the program's structural timeline, while Committee Member Mr. Purav Desai introduced the keynote speaker. The entire session was moderated by Banking Committee Co-Chairperson Ms. Durriya Tapia, concluding with an official vote of thanks by Committee Member Mr. Trupesh Vaghani. During the technical Q&A session, Mr. Pancholi provided targeted, practical resolutions to specific project financing queries raised by Surat's hospitality directors.



SGCCI Masterclass: Tourism Veteran Sanatan Pancholi Outlines Fiscal Subsidies, PPP Frameworks, and Homestay Models for Next-Gen Hospitality Entrepreneurs

Srin Lanka Tourism Invades Surat

Massive Multi-City Roadshow Unlocks Premium Corridors for South Gujarat's Travel Operators!



Strategic B2B Conclave: Over 45 Sri Lankan Hospitality Chains Command Direct Networking; SGCCI Pitches July's Global Trade & Tourism Expo to Subcontinent Directors

To aggressively capture the high-spending Indian outbound travel segment, the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (STPB) deployed a high-profile commercial roadshow matrix across key urban hubs of Gujarat. The Surat chapter, hosted at the Marriott Hotel in Piplod, witnessed intense commercial diplomacy where more than 45 elite destination management companies (DMCs) and resort chains from Sri Lanka executed high-velocity B2B meetings with travel agents from Surat and the wider South Gujarat territory to structure exclusive transit pipelines.

Beyond Docks & Beaches: Monetizing Heritage, Eco-Tourism, and Cricket Diplomacy

Addressing the diplomatic and corporate assembly, the Honorary Treasurer of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), Mr. Atul Patel, emphasized the diverse asset positioning of the island nation. "Sri Lanka is no longer just a conventional beach destination; it represents an extraordinary convergence of ancient spirituality, deep-rooted history, and vibrant culture," Patel noted.

He highlighted that upscaling commercial itineraries around the UNESCO World Heritage Site Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the dense leopard tracks of Yala National Park, and localized spiritual trails offers massive yields.

Leveraging India's historical obsession with cricket, he suggested that curating specialized sports heritage packages centered around Colombo and Kandy's iconic stadiums could act as a structural growth driver. This perfectly aligns with the official institutional tagline: "Sri Lanka – You Will Come Back for More!"

SGCCI Extends Official Bilateral Invite for July's Global Expo

The roadshow seamlessly integrated cultural diplomacy, featuring exclusive avant-garde performances by a premier Sri Lankan cultural troupe, followed by institutional allocation of performance rewards to high-performing Surti travel advisors by the STPB executive panel.

In a move to cement long-term trade relations, the SGCCI leadership extended a formal, corporate invitation to the Assistant Director of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, Ms. Shirani Herath, and the Regional Manager of Sri Lankan Airlines, Mr. Fawzan Fareid. The delegation was invited to institutionalize an expansive international pavilion at the upcoming 'Global Trade & Tourism Expo', scheduled for July 27 and July 28, 2026, at the Sarsana International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Surat, creating a robust framework for long-term bilateral tourism monetization.



The Illusion of Luxury Threatens the Middle Class

Heavy Intellectual Discourse on Financial Management at 'Thursday's Thoughts'!

Under the progressive 'University of Thoughts' umbrella of Shree Saurashtra Patel Seva Samaj, Surat, the 164th milestone session of "Thursday's Thoughts"—a weekly seminar dedicated to expanding regional Health, Wealth, and Happiness—was successfully hosted at the Keshubhai Patel Auditorium within the Jamnaba Vidyarthi Bhavan campus, Valak Patiya. The high-profile assembly focused deeply on the theme "Economic Conditions: Challenges and Solutions," where prominent economists analyzed contemporary personal asset management strategies. The baseline event also featured a special corporate felicitation ceremony where SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala, Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel, and the entire cast and crew of the upcoming Gujarati feature film 'Bhamardo' were officially legacy-honoured by the trust directors.

Decoding the Deficit: Real Needs vs. Artificial Lifestyles

Expressing deep structural concern over inflationary pressures bearing down on middle-income households, Trust President Mr. Kanji Bhalala remarked, "While average household income tracks a horizontal trajectory, domestic operational expenditures are climbing vertically. The single greatest systemic risk today is that consumer lifestyles have transitioned from pragmatic utility to artificial display, rapidly drawing individuals into compounding debt traps. If the middle class fails to audit its cash-flow dynamics immediately, millions risk slipping below the economic security line."

Citing a critical sociodemographic statistic, he noted that 50% of male suicide cases nationwide are triggered by intense financial distress and credit defaults. True wealth preservation, he argued, requires managing the mental divide between absolute 'necessity' and lifestyle 'emulation'.

Cost Optimization Operates as Revenue Generation: Dr. Gaurang Rami

Keynote speaker and Head of the Economics Department at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Dr. Gaurang Rami, explained that structural financial literacy is the primary shield against macroeconomic corrections and high inflation. Delivering a core financial axiom to the business owners and families present, he stated, "Optimizing and reducing unnecessary expenditure operates exactly like generating a new revenue stream." He emphasized that clipping non-essential luxury outflows and redirecting minor tranches into diversified investments insulates households from future systemic capital emergencies.

The intellectual seminar witnessed robust corporate participation, with donor trustee Mr. Haresh Ramani (Ahmedabad), Dr. Dilip Varsani, Mr. Savjibhai Vekariya, Dr. Dolat Desai, and Dr. Sandeep Khenni leading the executive board to commend this sustained knowledge-sharing platform.



SGCCI President Ashok Jirawala and Cast of Upcoming Gujarati Movie 'Bhamardo' Honoured at the 164th Session of Saurashtra Patel Seva Samaj

Build a Business That Runs Without You

SGCCI Accelerate Pro is Here

Every entrepreneur dreams of building a successful business. However, as businesses move beyond the initial growth stage, new challenges emerge. Sales are increasing, but systems are not scaling; the entire expansion becomes founder-dependent, which limits business growth; hiring happens, but leadership and teams struggle to scale; and operational bottlenecks slow down execution.

To address these challenges, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SGCCI) brings an exclusive growth initiative: “SGCCI Accelerate Pro — Powered by Wadhvani Foundation”. This is a high-impact, execution-focused growth program designed for ambitious businesses ready to move towards their next growth milestone.

The Major Highlight: Zero Cost, Zero Commission!

The most attractive aspect for Surat's entrepreneurs is that this global training program is supported by the Wadhvani Foundation and offered at no cost to selected members. It features a strict “Zero Equity” (no share dilution) and “Zero Revenue Sharing” (no commission on your profits) guarantee. The Foundation's mission is solely to accelerate job growth and enable sustainable livelihoods.

What You Will Gain:

- **Dedicated Venture Partner Support:** Experienced business operators work alongside your team on critical growth priorities.
- **Practical Growth Roadmap:** Develop a clear execution plan aligned with your specific business goals.
- **Revenue & Market Expansion:** Strengthen sales, customer acquisition, and market access

strategies.

- **Business Systems & Process Improvement:** Build scalable operations, SOPs, dashboards, and execution frameworks.

- **AI-Powered Growth Platform:** Access digital tools, business resources, playbooks, and AI-enabled guidance through Wadhvani's ecosystem.

Strategic Focus Areas of Growth:

1. **Customer & Market Expansion:** Customer validation, sales readiness, and new segments.

2. **Product Growth:** Product positioning and market fit improvement.

3. **Finance & Capital Planning:** Financial planning, funding readiness, and capital strategy.

4. **People & Leadership:** Hiring strategy, leadership development, and team scaling.

5. **Operations:** Process optimization, execution planning, and building scalable systems.

6. **Supply Chain:** Vendor ecosystem efficiency and operational improvements.

The Program Journey: 12-Week Growth Sprint

This complimentary acceleration framework operates across 5 key steps: Apply, Selection & Assessment, Venture Partner Matching, a 12-Week Growth Sprint of aggressive milestone execution, and tracking clear Growth Outcomes across revenue and operations.

Ideal For:

This exclusive initiative is limited to businesses with Rs. 25 Cr+ annual revenue, growth-oriented founders, companies planning national or global expansion in the next 3 to 5 years, and teams ready to implement structured growth initiatives.

Local Supply Chain to Fuel Surat Airport Expansion

SGCCI Chief Ashok Jirawala Proposes Strategic Local Sourcing!



Led by SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala, a high-profile executive delegation from The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted a strategic site evaluation of Surat Airport. Convened upon the official invitation of Airport Director Mr. A.N. Sharma, the Chamber leadership inspected the advanced architectural framework of the main airport building, the passenger terminal layouts, and the Air Traffic Control (ATC) infrastructure. The diagnostic delegation included Vice President Mr. Ravi Raj Desai, Honorary Secretary Mr. Paresh Lathia, Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel, alongside Aviation Committee Advisor Mr. Manoj Singapuri and Chairman Mr. Vinesh Shah.

Lobbying for Localized Procurement in Airport Tenders

During the institutional review, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala introduced a vital policy recommendation to integrate the regional industrial base with civil aviation projects. "The commercial tendering layout designed for the continuous expansion of Surat Airport must extend localized preference to regional vendors

and engineering cells. Prioritizing local sourcing will inject capital into regional MSMEs and ensure structural projects are executed efficiently within strict timelines," Jirawala stated.

Addressing passenger logistics, he urged airport administrators to implement a rapid, permanent resolution to mitigate transit bottlenecks currently faced by commuters traversing the distance between the main perimeter gate and the terminal doors.

Synergizing Transits to Position Surat as a Strategic Aviation Hub

The executive dialogue focused extensively on upscaling Surat's long-term commercial blueprint, expanding domestic and international air flight networks, and upgrading terminal hospitality assets to global standards. Commending the ongoing modernization initiatives executed by the airport administration, both the Surat Airport Authority and SGCCI locked in a mutual consensus to leverage institutional synergy, collaborating systematically to build Surat into a high-capacity aviation and trade hub in Western India.

High-Level SGCCI Delegation Evaluates New Terminal Operations with Airport Director A.N. Sharma to Boost Regional Connectivity



Mastering GSTAT Appeal Procedures

SGCCI Convenes High-Yield Technical Seminar on GST Appellate Tribunal Framework!

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), in joint coordination with the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), organized a specialized institutional seminar titled “GSTAT Appeal Filing & Procedure Awareness Program” at the Ushakant Kanchanlal Marfatia Pavilion in Sarsana, Surat. The technical session provided immediate procedural roadmaps to regional trade allocators, manufacturing firms, corporate tax attorneys, Chartered Accountants (CAs), and high-net-worth taxpayers navigating second-tier appellate litigations.

Welcoming the delegates, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala underscored, “The Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) is operationalized as a paramount judicial pillar within the indirect tax architecture. The Chamber is highly confident that this independent tribunal will function as a definitive platform for corporate taxpayers to secure transparent legal remedies.”

Strategic Advocacy: 7 Core Memorandums Dispatched by SGCCI in 12 Days

Mr. Jirawala revealed that SGCCI has aggressively scaled its lobbying efforts over the last 12 days, presenting 7 critical operational interventions before central and state finance desks:

1. Appellate Timelines: Demanding practical administrative extensions for filing second appeals before the GSTAT benches.

2. Language Standardization: Mandating that all tax adjudication orders be issued uniformly in English to preserve legal precision.

3. Regulated AI Integration: Recommending strict governance boundaries for the responsible utilization of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within GST audit matrices.

4. Section 107 Clarifications: Requesting immediate statutory clarity regarding limitation definitions under Section 107 of the Act.

5. GST Credit Lapse Resolution: Lobbying for a collaborative, business-friendly consensus to resolve stranded input tax credits.

6. Compliance Incentivization: Proposing consumer-centric schemes like “Mera GST – Mera Gujarat” to boost



Chamber Dispatches Core Proposals to Central & State Regulators in Last 12 Days; Robust Fact-Finding Remains the Backbone of Appellate Success: GSTAT Bench

structural revenue indexing.

7. Curriculum Alignment: Advocating the integration of practical GST accounting architectures into corporate commerce (B.Com) academic tracks.

Macro Revenue Surge: GST Collections Skyrocket from Rs. 90,000 Crore to Rs. 1,94,000 Crore

Detailing the macroeconomic expansion of the tax net, Hon'ble Vice President of GSTAT, Mr. G. M. Patel, noted: "At its inception in July 2017, monthly national GST collections stood at a base of Rs. 90,000 crore. As of May 2026, this metric has scaled to a historic high of Rs. 1,94,000 crore. A revenue expansion of this velocity naturally correlates with an increase in complex legal inquiries and compliance friction points for stakeholders. The overriding operational objective of the GSTAT benches is to proactively eliminate filing defects, ensuring high-speed disposal of appellate backlogs."

Strategic Litigation Practices: 5 Core Axioms Issued by the GSTAT Bench

The technical seminar featured comprehensive diagnostic presentations from Hon'ble GSTAT Members Mr. R. G. Hadwani and Mr. Sanjay Dwivedi, supplemented by Senior Counsel Mr. Ajay Suhag:

- **The Dominance of Facts:** Appellate outcomes

are decided purely on robust factual tracking; facts constitute the literal backbone of judicial procedure.

- **Immediate Response Readiness:** Upon receiving a Show-Cause Notice (SCN), legal cells must immediately organize Vakalatnamas, Statements of Facts, and Grounds of Appeal under a verified chronological order.

- **Statutory Substantiation:** Every appellate ground must be explicitly anchored to specific central notifications, board circulars, and matching judicial precedents.

- **Pre-Deposit Verifications:** Corporate accounts must carefully cross-verify court fees, pre-order deposits, and scrutiny fees prior to final form submission.

- **The Final Appellate Forum:** Taxpayers must recognize that the GST Tribunal stands as the absolute Last Appellate Forum within the statutory departmental framework.

The executive masterclass was attended by SGCCI Honorary Secretary Mr. Paresh Lathia, GST Committee Advisor Mr. Hemant Desai, and Co-Chairman Mr. Rohan Desai, drawing significant engagement from the regional financial ecosystem. The session concluded with a comprehensive open-floor Q&A, followed by an official vote of thanks from Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel.



Family Harmony Breeds Business Might

Family Businesses Command the Largest Share in India's GDP!



At SGCCI's 'Family First' Conclave, Mentor Rakesh Jain Outlines the 4 Pillars of Multigenerational Enterprise Expansion

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a high-impact corporate seminar titled 'Family First – Family Harmony for Business Growth' at the Sanhati Pavilion in Sarsana, Surat. The specialized session featured prominent Family Business Mentor Mr. Rakesh Jain, who delivered an operational framework on leveraging familial unity and strategic alignment as primary drivers for corporate longevity and market scaling.

Delivering the welcome address, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala articulated a foundational core principle: "Our core philosophy is absolute – 'When there is harmony within the family, the enterprise becomes invincible.' Looking at macroeconomic data, family-owned businesses constitute the single largest contributor to India's aggregate GDP. Global manufacturing matrixes like Surat's textile and diamond grids drive the state's industrial output, and these verticals are almost entirely managed by legacy families. The bedrock of our regional economic resilience lies strictly in family alignment and structured core values."

Engineering the Future: The 4 Pillars of Legacy Corporate Governance

Drawing historical parallels, Keynote Speaker Mr. Rakesh Jain explained that business structures backed by uncompromised family cohesion exhibit superior longevity. Because different individuals harbor unique cognitive skills, aggregating these diverse capabilities toward a unified commercial objective accelerates

growth. He noted that contemporary family splits are largely driven by perceived communication deficits and emotional reactions to financial inequality.

To navigate these governance friction points and design a business 'Future by Design,' he advocated balancing 4 strategic components:

1. **Vision:** Maintaining absolute clarity on where the enterprise and the family unit must position themselves over the long term.

2. **Strategy:** Seamlessly transferring institutional knowledge, core commercial values, and operational methodologies to the successor generation.

3. **Alignment:** Mitigating internal friction by ensuring role clarity, behavioral synergy, and operational integration among all family stakeholders.

4. **Execution:** Implementing target initiatives and meeting market demands with high agility to deliver continuous value creation for end clients.

Industrialists and Corporate Heads Convene

The high-level session commenced with an operational overview by SGCCI Honorary Secretary Mr. Paresch Lathia, followed by an introduction of the keynote speaker by Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel. The executive masterclass drew extensive participation from Vice President Mr. Ravi Raj Desai, All Exhibition Chairman Mr. Manish Kapadia, and leading manufacturing directors of South Gujarat. The proceedings were moderated by Hospitality, Tours & Travels Committee Chairman Mr. Vinesh Shah, who concluded the session with an official vote of thanks.

Industry Relief: Finance Ministry Rejects ADD on Key Yarn Imports

SGCCI Chief Ashok Jirawala Commends Strategic Intervention by Central Desks and Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) has formally welcomed the Government of India's decisive mandate to refrain from imposing Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on the imports of Nylon Filament Yarn (NFY), Viscose Filament Yarn (VFY), and Spandex Yarn lines. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) had issued final findings in March 2026 recommending stiff protectionist tariffs on these inputs. However, the Ministry of Finance effectively rejected the proposal, shielding downstream manufacturers from structural input cost spikes.

Per the statutory provisions of the Customs Tariff Rules, 1995, the absolute deadline for the central government to notify the implementation of the recommended ADD was June 19, 2026. The expiration of this timeline without any official notification confirms that the Central government has purposefully blocked the duties to preserve the competitive dynamics of the textile manufacturing sector.

Insulating the Downstream Value Chain and Regional Employment

SGCCI made continuous representations before the Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Finance, proving that Nylon, Viscose, and Spandex constitute essential raw materials for South Gujarat's weaving, knitting, and processing clusters. These synthetic yarns drive the bulk production of sarees, dress materials, stretchable apparel, and high-growth Technical Textiles. Had the anti-dumping duty materialized, it would have triggered capital crunch, compressed export margins, and directly threatened regional employment baselines across the industrial belt.

Lobbying for Domestic Caprolactam and Nylon Chips Expansion

Commenting on the breakthrough, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala stated, "The refusal to levy ADD is a profound structural relief for the textile



cosmos. It guarantees a steady influx of high-grade raw materials at global benchmark pricing, insulating localized operational expenditure from inflation."

Advancing a long-term policy vision, Mr. Jirawala noted, "Instead of relying on import restrictions, the government must prioritize scaling domestic production of Caprolactam and Nylon Chips. Strengthening this upstream integration is the only definitive pathway to achieve absolute self-reliance across the synthetic fiber chain."

Concurrently, the SGCCI extended formal appreciation to the Union Ministries, alongside a special note of gratitude to Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Harsh Sanghavi for deploying timely diplomatic weight to effectively convey Surat's industrial vulnerability to central decision-makers.

Strategic Upskilling

SGCCI Outlines Industry-Ready Advanced Courses to Bridge Employability Deficits!

Next-Gen Workforce: Premium Programs Spanning Advanced Textiles, Global Logistics, and Artificial Intelligence (AI); Direct Bilateral MOUs with ATIRA and AMA En Route

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) Education and Skill Development Center has officially initialized a suite of specialized, industry-mapped training modules. Designed to upscale technical capabilities across baseline workforce tranches, the programs serve students, startup founders, and corporate professionals seeking market-aligned expertise.

SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala underscored,

“Skilled human capital infuses enterprise with structural agility. To meet the aggressive tech interventions reshaping modern production lines, we have curated a future-ready curriculum across textiles, international logistics, and machine intelligence.” To standardize delivery parameters at a global tier, institutional partnerships with ATIRA and the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) are undergoing final implementation phases.

Executive Course Grid At a Glance

Vertical Domain	Specialized Modules	Core Operational & Technical Focus
Advanced Textiles	* Textile at a Glance * Modern Yarn Preparatory * Fabric Identification * Fabric Processing * Garment Manufacturing * Technical Textile * Circular Knitting	Comprehensive fiber-to-fabric workflows, contemporary prep-machinery parameters, structure-density matrices, advanced dyeing/finishing, automated apparel cutting/stitching, and high-growth technical textile specifications across medical and automotive applications.
Global Trade	* Import-Export Management	Structural international trade compliance protocols, maritime documentation, multimodal logistics, customs clearance, and global arbitrage identification models.
Digital Infrastructure	* Digital Marketing * Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Social media marketing metrics, Search Engine Optimization (SEO) algorithms, contextual on-line advertising frameworks, production-level AI tools, and enterprise automation logic.

Admissions & Secretariat Brief: All courses feature extensive hands-on laboratory work directed by sector veterans. For scheduling grids, eligibility criteria, and corporate seat reservations, contact the Registrar's Desk directly via Mobile at 7211173123. Advanced management, sales strategy, and brand equity modules are slated for release next.

World-Class Yarn & Fabric Testing Lab Coming to Surat

Quality Compliance Hub: State-of-the-Art Materials Screening Grid to Provide Low-Cost Testing for MSMEs; Boosting Global Acceptance of Surat Fabrics

To structurally upgrade quality control frameworks within the regional textile manufacturing ecosystem, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and the Global Fabric Resource and Research Center (GFRRC) have announced the establishment of a state-of-the-art Yarn and Fabric Testing Laboratory.

SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala confirmed that this advanced testing cell will extend highly calibrated, international-standard diagnostic and testing services to regional weavers, export houses, material designers, and independent researchers, positioning Surat as an integrated global textile node.

Advanced Analytical Instrumentation & Technical Specifications	
Laboratory Instrument	Technical Diagnostic & Quality Control Capability
Universal Tensile Testing Machine (UTM)	Delivers high-precision measurements of yarn and fabric tensile strength, elongation limits, tearing resistance coefficients, and seam slippage values to verify long-term material durability.
Digital Microscope	Enables high-magnification micro-analysis of fiber morphology, structural alignment, weave density matrixes, and exact EPI (Ends Per Inch) / PPI (Picks Per Inch) validation.
Twist Tester	Measures precise TPM (Twists Per Meter) counts across spun and filament yarn varieties, ensuring structural performance uniformity and balancing tensile limits.
Wrap Reel with Weighing Balance	Calculates absolute yarn linear density across international measurement units, including Tex, Denier, and Ne, optimizing basic production compliance.
GSM Cutter with Weighing Balance	Extracts exact geometric samples to evaluate the fabric's precise mass per unit area (Grams per Square Meter - GSM), a critical baseline parameter for fabric classification, cost auditing, and grading.

Institutional Road Ahead: The GFRRC technical board will systematically launch a series of national textile conclaves, technology workshops, and R&D roundtables. For lab testing schedules and commercial diagnostic corporate allocations, the central co-ordination desk can be reached via Mobile at 8200549493.

SGCCI Urges Center to Establish 'National MMF Data Bank' in Surat

SGCCI Advocates for Man-Made Fiber Grid at National Textile Summit President Ashok Jirawala Outlines Structural Reforms to Capture Global Trade Channels and Fuel India's \$100 Billion Vision 2030 Target

The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, organized the high-profile "National Consultative Textile Summit" at the NASC Complex, ICAR in New Delhi. The convention focused on establishing an executive framework to achieve India's macro target of \$100 billion in textile and apparel exports by 2030. Representing the manufacturing interest of Western India, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala attended as a specially invited stakeholder to deliver alternative

manufacturing vectors to union policy developers.

In his oral presentation, Mr. Jirawala proved that to trigger vertical growth in exports over the next decade, India must pivot sharply toward Man-Made Fiber (MMF) infrastructure. While MMF commands a massive 70% share of global fiber consumption, India's domestic value chain remains disproportionately reliant on natural fibers, restricting its global arbitrage capabilities.

No.	Policy Intervention & Project Layout	Direct Commercial & Export Utility
1	National MMF Fabric Data Bank	Establishing a global textile library in Surat containing fabric construction matrices, chemical compositions, and global demand trends.
2	Recycled Certification Framework	Launching standardized national benchmark protocols for recycled polyester and eco-MMF filament lines.
3	Global Capacity Scaling	Structuring a national manufacturing strategy to scale India's MMF production capacity to at least 50% of China's aggregate volume.
4	World-Class Chemical Recycling Plant	Setting up a mega chemical recycling plant in Surat for post-consumer polyester garments, with SGCCI as a joint execution partner.
5	AI Fashion Forecasting Software	Equipping regional MSMEs and SMEs with automated, Artificial Intelligence-powered design-forecasting software to match real-time global consumer trends.
6	HSN-Wise Intelligence Reports	Publishing annual macro data mapping out exact HSN-code demand structures across nations where India holds active FTAs.
7	National Ranking System	Engineering a strict performance index based on global best manufacturing practices to grade domestic MMF processing houses.
8	National Mission Mode Initiative	Initializing an independent, high-velocity union mission program focused entirely on scaling synthetic textile exports.

Surat Primed to Inject an Additional \$15 Billion Into the National Net

Mr. Jirawala highlighted that Surat stands as India's premier, fully integrated synthetic textile ecosystem—housing the entire value chain from fiber synthesis, spinning, weaving, and knitting to chemical processing,

embroidery, and final garmenting within a single industrial perimeter. He asserted that if the Ministry executes these 8 proposals, Surat's industrial clusters hold the structural capacity to single-handedly generate an additional \$10 to \$15 billion in annual export revenues, systematically sealing India's \$100 billion dream.

Catch It Early, Beat It Fully!

Cancer Care Beyond Treatment: SGCCI and Mumbai's Nanavati Max Hospital Chart Out Strategic Protocols for Early Diagnosis!



The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) in clinical coordination with Mumbai-based Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital organized a high-level medical awareness conclave titled "Cancer Care Beyond Treatment: Awareness, Early Diagnosis, and Quality of Life" at the 'Samruddhi' pavilion in Nanpura, Surat. The diagnostic session focused on equipping citizens and healthcare providers with operational tracking blueprints for oncological interventions and post-surgical rehabilitation.

Elite Panel of Oncological Surgeons and Institutional Chairs

• **Keynote Medical Speakers (Nanavati Max Hospital, Mumbai):**

1. **Dr. Devendra Chaukar** — Senior Head & Neck Onco-Surgeon (Oral Oncology Lead)

2. **Dr. Bharat Saxena** — Senior Plastic, Reconstructive & Microvascular Surgeon

• **SGCCI Board Directorship:** Mr. Ashok Jirawala

(President), Mr. Paresch Lathia (Honorary Secretary), Mr. Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. Nikhil Madrasi (Immediate Past President), and Dr. Parul Vadgama (Group Chairman).

• **Public Health Committee Leadership:** Dr. Jagdish Vagharia (Committee Chairman) and Dr. Rajan Desai (Committee Co-Chairman & Moderator).

The Delayed Diagnosis Crisis: 70% of Domestic Cases Detected at Stage 3 or 4

Delivering the introductory brief, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala presented alarming aggregate health metrics. "Actuarial data indicates a vertical spike in national oncology registries, tracking over 15 lakh new cases annually. Tragically, 70% of these patients present late—at structural Stage 3 or 4—severely compromising clinical prognoses. These metrics are not meant to induce fear, but to trigger immediate clinical audit and lifestyle screening. Early-stage detection yields a 100% complete cure coefficient," Jirawala stated.



Gujarat Commands Highest Incidence Rate for Oral Cancers: Dr. Devendra Chaukar

Renowned Head & Neck Onco-Surgeon Dr. Devendra Chaukar proved that head and neck malignancies account for a staggering 30% of aggregate cancer loads in India, with Gujarat registering the highest regional concentration of oral cancers. Despite prompt outward symptoms, localized complacency causes 70% of oral cancer patients to defer institutional evaluation until advanced stages. He warned that the consumption of betel nuts, commercial areca products, standard cigarettes, and contemporary e-cigarettes acts as primary oncogenic triggers.

The 6 Critical Oncological Red Flags Outlined by Dr. Chaukar:

1. Persistent oral ulcerations or lingual lesions failing to cicatrize or heal within 2 to 3 weeks of standard therapy.
2. Chronic pharyngeal pain, localized burning sensations, or continuous dysphagia (difficulty swallowing food).
3. Sudden, persistent hoarseness or qualitative vocal transitions lasting beyond standard windows.
4. Asymmetrical cervical lymphadenopathy or persistent hard nodules appearing along the neck line.
5. Development of localized leukoplakia (white patches) or erythroplakia (red patches) inside the oral mucosal lining.
6. Idiopathic, rapid weight loss and severe anorexia (loss of appetite) without corresponding nutritional shifts.



Reconstructive Surgery is Imperative to Post-Oncology Quality of Life: Dr. Bharat Saxena

Highlighting advanced interventions, Reconstructive Surgeon Dr. Bharat Saxena demystified the role of plastic surgery within composite oncology pipelines. "Oncological management must graduate from simple survival metrics to restoring social confidence and functional independence. Wide surgical excisions of oral tumors often compromise speech articulation, mastication, and deglutition. Advanced reconstructive plastics structurally resolve these anatomical defects," Saxena explained.

The 3 Advanced Structural Modalities Deployed in Post-Cancer Care:

- **Skin Grafts:** Transferring healthy epidermal sheets from donor sites to cover superficial primary surgical closures.
- **Flap Surgery:** Mobilizing micro-composite blocks of skin, subcutaneous fat, vascular pathways, and skeletal structures to execute complex facial contour remodeling.
- **Microvascular Surgery:** Utilizing high-magnification surgical microscopes to anastomose minute arterial and venous tracks, optimizing tissue viability, lowering secondary infection indices, and accelerating localized cellular recovery.

The high-yield technical session concluded with an open-floor panel discussion addressing patient rehabilitation pipelines, followed by an institutional vote of thanks formulated by Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel.



Pitching for a Bigger Sky!

SGCCI Dispatches Strategic Vision-2047 Blueprint to AAI; Pushes for Aerotropolis and Massive Domestic Flight Expansion!

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) organized a high-profile corporate dialogue with Mr. Pulla Hezekiah, Regional Executive Director (Western Region) of the Airport Authority of India (AAI), at the Sanhati Pavilion in Sarsana, Surat. The strategic assembly centered on expanding air flight frequencies to directly connect Surat's multi-ethnic demographic representing 26 Indian states with their native territories, alongside upscaling terminal mechanics to align with international standards.

High-Level Executive Panel at the Strategic Civil Aviation Session

- **Chief Guest & Regulator:** Mr. Pulla Hezekiah (Regional Executive Director, Western Region - AAI)
- **Airport Administration Desk:** Mr. Anand Sharma (Director, Surat Airport) along with senior tech leads.
- **SGCCI Corporate Leadership:** Mr. Ashok Jirawala (President), Mr. Paresh Lathia (Honorary Secretary),

Mr. Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. Rajnikant Marfatia (Aviation Committee Mentor), and Mr. Linesh Shah (Aviation Committee Chairman).

Catering to 26 States: High-Velocity Demand for Civil Aviation Expansion

Presenting the commercial brief, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala emphasized Surat's position as one of India's fastest-growing industrial corridors. "Surat commands global market dominance across diamonds, textiles, engineering, chemicals, and solar MSMEs. The city houses an expansive workforce representing 26 states. Providing continuous, high-frequency domestic and international air transit pathways is a structural necessity to sustain our regional economic expansion," Jirawala stated.

AAI Regional Director Mr. Pulla Hezekiah commended the depth of the procedural presentation, promising absolute corporate priority from AAI to implement the structural recommendations.



Vision-2047: Technical Diagnostics & Infrastructure Blueprint for Surat Airport

Infrastructure Pillar	Proposed Technical Project Layout	Direct Commercial & Logistic Utility
Logistics & Maintenance	* International Air Cargo Terminal * Dedicated Aircraft MRO Facility	Will catalyze direct global exports for regional diamond, textile, and pharma blocks; localized repair tranches reduce flight operating costs.
Airside Operations	* Restoring 615-Meter Displaced Runway * Expansion of Aircraft Apron (Parking Bays)	Facilitates simultaneous deployment and parking of multiple high-capacity commercial aircraft without terminal bottlenecks.
Aviation Commercials	* Establishing an Integrated Aerotropolis * Airport Economic Zone Deployment	Monetizes peripheral airport perimeters by building commercial, hospitality, and corporate transit zones.
Macro Vision Planning	* Vision-2047 Comprehensive Master Plan * Strategic Greenfield / Second Airport Scoping	Establishes early land-banking and architectural frameworks to absorb exponential passenger traffic surges over the next two decades.
Eco-Compliance	* Solar Energy Influx & EV Infrastructure * Rainwater Harvesting Arrays	Transitioning the current layout into a zero-emission, technologically synchronized smart 'Green Airport.'

Customs Relief Extended Until July 15

Center Responds to SGCCI Memorandum

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) has secured a swift and favorable policy intervention from the Union Ministry of Finance and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Responding directly to SGCCI's urgent petition dispatched on June 24, 2026, the Department of Revenue has issued Gazette Notification G.S.R. 529(E), amending Notification No. 13/2026-Customs. The structural amendment formally extends the ongoing customs duty concessions on Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG) and Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) from the earlier ceiling of June 30, 2026, up to July 15, 2026.

Industrial Impact			
Raw Material Inputs	Original Deadline	Extended Expiry	Direct Commercial & Working Capital Utility
MEG (Mono Ethylene Glycol)	June 30, 2026	July 15, 2026	Controls immediate raw material inflation, shielding synthetic fabric processing lines from sudden input cost volatility.
PTA (Purified Terephthalic Acid)	June 30, 2026	July 15, 2026	Diminishes cash-flow stress on regional spinning and weaving MSMEs, preserving global pricing competitiveness.

Neutralizing West Asian Geopolitical Friction Points

In its baseline representation, SGCCI proved that deep geopolitical friction points across West Asia had triggered severe pricing instability for crude oil derivatives. While international bourses have shown minor structural corrections, domestic prices for these essential polyester feedstocks remained artificially high, creating a temporary margin squeeze for Man-Made Fiber (MMF) spinning mills and manufacturing plants.

By strategically expanding the duty concession window, the central government has provided an essential liquidity cushion to the downstream textile chain. SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala and the executive board extended formal commendations to the CBIC Chair and the Ministry of Finance for executing this rapid, pro-business fiscal adjustment.

NEW CORRIDOR, BOUNDLESS SCOPE

SGCCI and Ghana India Chamber Sign Landmark MOU to Boost Bilateral Trade



The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ghana India Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Friday, June 26, 2026. The primary objective of this institutional alliance is to reinforce bilateral trade, investment configurations, and strategic commercial relations, opening new operational corridors for entrepreneurs across both nations.

Addressing the assembly, SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala emphasized that before initializing international trade, micro-evaluating local government policies, fiscal incentives, and subvention frameworks is highly critical. He outlined that industrial units from South Gujarat will initially commence trade setups on a boutique scale, gradually expanding volumes over time. He further advised exporters to utilize SGCCI's institutional framework as a protective buffer while routing business into the Ghanaian market.

Highlighting the economic landscape, Mr. Stephen Kwaku Darko, Executive Director of the Ghana India Chamber of Commerce and Industry, stated that South Gujarat's enterprises hold a distinct competitive advantage. He noted that Ghana operates as a Free Trade Policy corridor, ensuring seamless ease of doing business. Highly dynamic investment options currently exist across Ghana's textile, pharma, electric, and solar infrastructure tracks, where the Ghanaian secretariat commits to providing seamless end-to-end operational handholding for manufacturing setups.

Concluding the convention, Honorary Secretary Mr. Paresh Lathia delivered the formal vote of thanks. The high-profile international assembly was attended by Mr. David Brian Obro (Chairman, Ghana India Chamber), executive member Mr. Solomon Wiyaf, and SGCCI Honorary Treasurer Mr. Atul Patel.





SOLAR SECTOR UNDER AN 'ECLIPSE'

Solar Manufacturers Cry Foul to SGCCI; Demand 18-Month Stay on ALMM-II Enforcement

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) convened a high-stakes hybrid emergency assembly with solar panel manufacturers, EPC contractors, and project developers at its Sarsana headquarters. Presided over by SGCCI President Mr. Ashok Jirawala, the session focused on the catastrophic market disruptions triggered by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's (MNRE) mandatory enforcement of the ALMM-II list, effective June 1, 2026.

Industrial delegates presented data-backed anomalies. While India's aggregate domestic demand tracks at 70 GW and the ALMM-I module manufacturing capacity sits at 170 GW, the domestic solar cell supply enforced under the ALMM-II mandate is capped at a meager 28.5 GW. Independent manufacturers argued that integrated giants—who produce both cells and modules—will prioritize internal operations, leaving MSMEs with either a supply void or inflated premiums. This massive asymmetric pricing threatens to erode capital and push smaller units into NPA status.

Technically, the situation is even more precarious. Out of the mandated 28.5 GW supply, high-efficiency

'Topcon' cell capacity is restricted to just 13.56 GW, while the remainder comprises legacy 'Monoperk' architecture. As global markets have universally transitioned to Topcon formats, the central mandate counter-productively forces the adoption of outdated technology, alienating the modern consumer.

The immediate feedstock deficit has already canceled Rs. 1500 crores worth of contracts in South Gujarat, with EPC contractors reporting 500 MW of stalled projects. Structurally, this domestic cell compulsion threatens the livelihoods of 2 lakh solar workers in Gujarat and over 15 lakh laborers nationwide. To avert this collapse, the assembly unanimously demanded an 18-month deferment on ALMM-II implementation.

President Ashok Jirawala committed to escalating this grievance directly to Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. Highlighting that 60% of India's solar manufacturing base resides in Gujarat, with 70% of that volume concentrated in South Gujarat, he warned that the region faces the heaviest economic fallout. SGCCI remains resolute in protecting regional industrial capital through strategic regulatory intervention.



Understanding the ALMM-II Crisis

The Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) is a strategic inventory curated by the MNRE. Only entities listed here are eligible to supply solar components for government-tendered projects.

- ALMM-I (Modules): Covers finished solar panels.
- ALMM-II (Solar Cells): Covers the underlying silicon chips that generate energy.

The Structural Mismatch: On June 1, the government mandated that solar panels

must be built using only domestic, ALMM-II-approved cells. While the intent—Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India)—is noble, the current domestic manufacturing infrastructure is insufficient. The rapid enforcement of this rule has created a supply-side shock, leaving regional manufacturers unable to fulfill contracts, resulting in the current Rs. 1500 crore crisis. The industry's demand for an 18-month extension is a plea for time to allow domestic cell production capacity to align with actual market demand.



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Textile sector welcomes duty exemption on yarn

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