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President's Message



Ashok Jirawala
President

Carving New Industrial Horizons Amid Global Currents

Dear Members and Esteemed Entrepreneurs,

Surat and South Gujarat have historically epitomized industrial enterprise, bold ambition, and unmatched resilience. History stands testament that our economic capital has never yielded to global disruptions or transient downturns; transmuting operational challenges into sustainable commercial opportunities is the inherent virtue of our manufacturing fraternity.

The current epoch presents a transformative threshold for our core textile and allied engineering disciplines. International raw material volatility, power purchase tariff dynamics, and procedural clarity surrounding captive Green Energy Open Access curtailment demand proactive, unified engagement. SGCCI has swiftly escalated these matters before regulatory bodies like SLDC and government authorities to insulate capital investments. In modern trade, the mantra of 2Q+1C—Quality, Quantity, and Commitment—remains the bedrock of endurance. When shop-floor acumen harmonizes with scientific innovation and policy foresight, enterprise achieves enduring leadership.

Our collective momentum was validated at 'SITEX-2026', which drew over 23,500 trade buyers nationwide and unlocked projected capex outlays exceeding Rs. 1,680 crore for the upcoming 6 months. Surat's daily fabric production of 6.5 crore meters is poised to touch 10 crore meters within the next 5 years. Concurrently, the redevelopment of Surat Railway Station into an integrated 3.42 lakh sq. meter airport-grade multimodal terminal handling 40,000 peak commuters marks our rapid urban leap.

Let us unite to scale our enterprises while prioritizing worker safety, green energy, and collaborative innovation.

Yours sincerely,

Ashok Jirawala
President, SGCCI

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 2026

- Historic Milestone at SITEX-2026: Attracted over 23,500 verified trade buyers nationwide; unlocked projected capex outlays exceeding Rs. 1,680 crore in advanced textile machinery over the next 6 months.
- Representation on Green Power Curtailment: Petitioned SLDC Vadodara demanding transparent pro-rata norms and operational clarity under GERC Regulations 2024 for Captive Open Access renewable plants.
- Textile Industry Stakeholder Consensus: Unified South Gujarat's textile associations to represent crude-to-yarn parity, FPPPA tariff surges, and modern labor code adaptations before authorities.
- Startup Demo Day 2.0: Partnered with i-Hub Gujarat to provide direct market access, corporate mentoring, and seed funding roadmaps to 6 high-potential startups across AI, IoT, and SaaS.
- Global Education Expo Curtain Raiser: Formally launched the promotional roadmap alongside VNSGU leadership for the upcoming mega Education & Skill Expo scheduled for December 2026.

Vice President's Message

Strategic Vision, Skilling and Future Readiness



Ravi Raj Desai
Vice-President

Dear Members,

The long-term resilience of any regional economy hinges upon foresight, disciplined resource allocation, and adaptive decision-making. As Surat transitions from an agile trading center into an advanced manufacturing, technology, and startup corridor, institutional support for emerging talent becomes paramount.

Our collaborative initiative with i-Hub Gujarat—'Startup Demo Day 2.0'—showcased disruptive solutions across AI, SaaS, MarTech, and EdTech, proving that original concepts backed by determination can redefine enterprise scale. In parallel, the upcoming 'Global Education and Skill Expo 2026' scheduled for 11–13 December will establish a robust bridge between academia and corporate shop floors. Textbook degrees must be reinforced with real-world apprenticeships and industrial skilling to keep our youth globally competitive.

Simultaneously, enterprise scalability requires prudent risk insulation. Adopting Trade Credit Insurance, navigating direct tax frameworks, and honoring Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) codes are structural imperatives that fortify our balance sheets. SGCCI remains dedicated to empowering every member along this growth journey.

Warm regards,
Ravi Raj Desai
Vice President, SGCCI

From the Editor's Desk

Capturing the Pulse of Industrial Transformation

In an era governed by rapid digitization and economic volatility, information alone is insufficient; contextual intelligence that guides strategic commercial decisions is what creates real leadership. This edition of our monthly journal captures the multi-faceted dynamism shaping Surat's business and civic landscape.

On one hand, SITEX-2026 has catalyzed an unprecedented capital expenditure horizon exceeding Rs. 1,680 crore in high-speed textile machinery, while the historic 75-year redevelopment of Surat Railway Station signals a quantum leap in transit architecture. Concurrently, as manufacturers navigate fuel pricing and grid tariffs, organizational safety mandates under the OSH Code and active defenses against cyber threats have emerged as boardroom priorities.

Yet, commercial expansion remains hollow without strong societal foundations. Through engaging symposiums on emotional intelligence by the Ladies Wing, scientific approaches to metabolic health, and the cultural camaraderie of the national Hasya Kavi Sammelan, this issue mirrors the holistic ethos of Surat. We trust these pages will serve not merely as an informative recap, but as a catalyst for forward-looking ideas and actionable enterprise strategies.

Your editorial feedback and perspectives remain our guiding light.

— Editor

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Machinery Marvel, Investment Surge!

SITEX 2026: ₹1,680 Cr Modernization Horizon



SGCCI's flagship 3-day 'SITEX-2026' draws 23,500 buyers nationwide, unlocking Rs. 1,680 crore in projected investments and setting bold sustainability targets.



Surat has authored a historic chapter in Indian textile engineering. Transcending its conventional identity as a synthetic weaving capital, the industrial metropolis has taken decisive strides toward becoming a self-reliant hub for high-speed machinery, industrial automation, and environmental sustainability. Concluding its three-day showcase at the SIECC in Sarsana, the 'SITEX-2026' exposition unlocked monumental investment energy, drawing over 23,500 verified trade buyers from across the country.

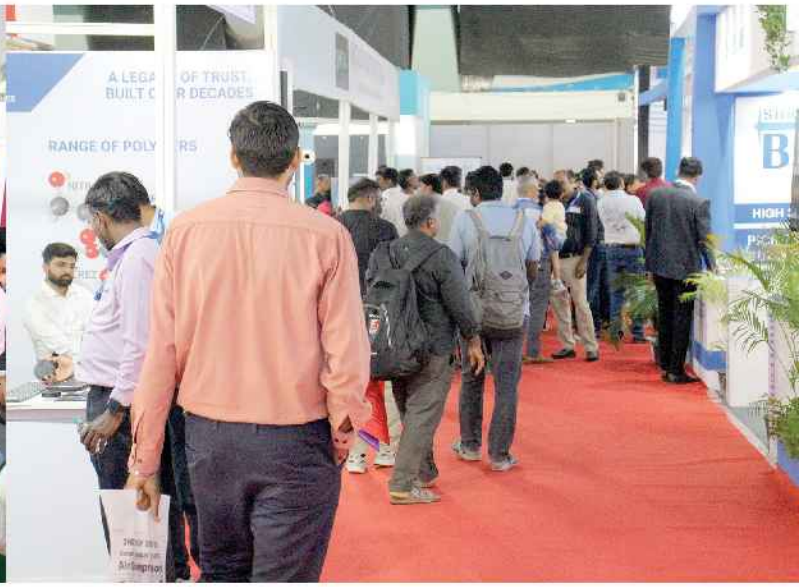
Grand Inauguration

The exposition was formally inaugurated by Gujarat's Minister for Forest and Environment, Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia, alongside Special Guests Shri Ashokbhai Advani, Director of Ashoka Enterprise, and Shri Subhashbhai Davar, Director of Alliance Embroidery Machine Pvt. Ltd. Opening the conclave, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated Surat's production milestones, noting that regional output currently stands at 6.5 crore meters of fabric daily, projected to touch 10 crore meters within the next 5 years. To satisfy this soaring demand for high-speed automated equipment, SGCCI will organize 3 distinct editions of the SITEX exposition this year.

Delivering the inaugural address, Minister Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia invoked the philosophy of 'giving back to the earth what we take from it,' urging the textile fraternity to spearhead aggressive water conservation. Highlighting that textiles represent the largest industrial consumer of fresh water, he emphasized that achieving 70% industrial water re-use by 2030 is imperative, noting that the global water recycling sector is projected to become a 2 trillion-dollar industry by 2050. He urged Surat to domesticate machinery manufacturing rather than remaining limited to fabric production. Emphasizing regional high-tech momentum, he noted that out of 12 upcoming semiconductor facilities in India, 6 are located in Gujarat, including 1 in Surat. The ceremony also marked the official unveiling and e-launch of the 'SITEX-2027' Exhibitor Guide.







Daily Trajectory & Footfall Dynamics

Day 1 opened with 4,500 procurement heads inspecting precision automated exhibits. The show witnessed an extraordinary surge on Day 2, recording 12,000 visitors in a single day and pushing two-day cumulative footfall past 16,500. Day 3 drew an additional 7,000 trade delegates, setting an all-time record of 23,500 visitors. Displays of high-speed airjet/waterjet looms, electronic jacquards, computerized embroidery units, and low-effluent digital processing machinery accelerated industrial enthusiasm toward full-scale factory automation.



Exhibition at a Glance:

Total Footfall (3 Days)
23,500 Verified Trade Buyers
Day 1: 4,500 Buyers
Day 2: 12,000 Buyers
(Peak Single-Day Attendance)
Day 3: 7,000 Buyers
Projected Capex Outlay:
Rs. 1,680+ Crore (over upcoming 6 months)
Geographical Span: 35+ prime industrial textile clusters nationwide, including Andaman & Nicobar, North, South, and Eastern hubs
Special Unveiling:
Official launch and e-release of the 'SITEX-2027' Exhibitor Guide

Did You Know?

Wet processing in synthetic and cotton textiles typically requires between 100 to 150 liters of water per kilogram of finished fabric. Implementing contemporary Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) plants with advanced reverse osmosis (RO) and multi-effect evaporators recovers upwards of 85% pure process water, directly cushioning regional groundwater tables from industrial depletion.



Pan-India Buyer Footprint

The exposition attracted industrial delegations from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, and from eastern manufacturing corridors to the distant Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Bambooflat and Garacharma). Industrial hubs represented included Ludhiana, Amritsar, Panipat, New Delhi, Ambala, and Varanasi in the North; Ahmedabad, Bhilwara, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Indore, and Maharashtra's Ichalkaranji, Malegaon, Solapur, Pune, Nashik, Mumbai, and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in the West; Tirupur, Coimbatore, Erode, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Chennai in the South; Kolkata, Silchar, and Patna in the East; alongside Gujarat's manufacturing belts including Surendranagar, Bhavnagar, Patan, and Bhuj.










"Surat currently produces 6.5 crore meters of fabric daily, scaling toward 10 crore meters over the next 5 years; to meet this massive demand, we are organizing 3 editions of SITEX this year, with Rs. 1,680 crore in projected investments."

- Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

"Our industrial ethos must be to return to the earth what we take; Surat must evolve beyond fabric into machinery manufacturing, ensuring 70% industrial water re-use by 2030."

- Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Minister for Forest and Environment, Govt. of Gujarat



Commercial Deliverables & Economic Outlook

Reviewing transaction outcomes, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala confirmed that feedback from machinery exhibitors was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. One-on-one negotiations yielded substantial on-the-spot equipment bookings. A rigorous appraisal of technical trade inquiries indicates that capital investments exceeding ₹1,680 crore will flow into textile machinery modernization over the next 6 months. By fusing 'Make in India' engineering with advanced global technologies, SITEX 2026 reaffirmed Surat's position as the national hub for textile technology adoption.

Farm-to-Flight Direct!

SGCCI and GAICL hold high-level meeting to set up Centre for Perishable Cargo at Surat International Airport



South Gujarat's celebrated agro and marine produce is gearing up for swift international transit. Moving beyond commercial passenger services, concerted steps are underway to transform Surat International Airport into a full-scale, cold-chain-enabled air cargo gateway for western India

Convened at 'Samruddhi' building in Sarsana with a senior delegation from the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Limited (GAICL), SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated the region's formidable economic strengths. He pointed out that while South Gujarat is globally renowned for textiles and diamonds, its agricultural, horticultural, and aquaculture capabilities are equally phenomenal. The world-famous Valsadi Alphonso and Kesar mangoes are celebrated for their rich sweetness and aroma, while GI-tagged Navsari-Valsad sapodilla (chiku) and prime-quality coastal shrimp harvested across Surat, Navsari, and Bharuch continue to witness robust demand across the Gulf, US, Europe, and Japan.

Highlighting proven logistics models, Shri Jirawala noted that Western Railway's dedicated 'Chiku Special' trains from Amalsad and Bilimora have already demonstrated exceptional efficiency for domestic markets. Establishing a dedicated Centre for Perishable Cargo (CPC) at Surat will furnish farmers and exporters with a

Event Panel

- **Date:** 10 September 2026
- **Venue:** 'Samruddhi' Building, Sarsana, Surat
- **Objective:** Framework meeting on developing Centre for Perishable Cargo (CPC)
- **SGCCI Representation:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Linesh Shah (Chairman, Aviation/ Airport Committee), Shri K. B. Pipaliya (Chairman, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Committee)
- **GAICL Representation:** Shri Vanrajsinh B. Vaghela (I/c Divisional Manager - P&A), Shri Hitesh B. Patel (Consultant Company Secretary)

> **"Rather than limiting Surat Airport to passenger traffic, developing it into an integrated air-cargo and logistics hub is an absolute necessity."**
>
> **- Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI**

decisive dual-transit advantage: rail networks for nationwide supply, and direct air cargo for time-sensitive global markets. By eliminating the cumbersome, hours-long detour to Mumbai or Ahmedabad airports, regional perishables will reach international landing ports within hours. Shri Jirawala reiterated that Surat holds massive potential as a comprehensive logistics junction, and SGCCI remains steadfast in steering coordinated momentum with state authorities, GAICL, and airport officials.

Endorsing the strategic trajectory, Shri Linesh Shah, Chairman of SGCCI's Aviation/Airport Committee, observed that the proposed cargo terminal will provide local producers direct access to Middle Eastern and European shelves while locking in optimal farm-gate realization and product freshness.



Fourfold Tax for a Bank Tenant?

SGCCI urges Surat Municipal Corporation to rationalize the steep 7.00 property tax multiplier applied to bank-leased premises

Identical premises, identical carpet area, and identical civic infrastructure—yet leasing an office to a bank causes municipal property tax liability to surge nearly fourfold. While general retail or corporate offices fall under a factor of approximately 1.75, banking premises are taxed under a steep factor of 7.00, triggering acute concerns across Surat's commercial real estate sector.

> "Without any alteration in physical infrastructure, simply having a bank as tenant escalates property tax liability by nearly four times."
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

Leading the advocacy for a competitive and business-friendly urban ecosystem, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored that banking channels form the indispensable financial bedrock for local trade, MSMEs, entrepreneurs, and professionals. He emphasized that assessment frameworks ought to reflect location, construction footprint, and operational utility rather than penalizing tenant categorization alone.

Shri Jirawala cautioned that disproportionate fiscal burdens discourage landlords from housing institutional branches, escalate vacancy intervals, and artificially inflate corporate operational overheads across Surat. Unchecked disparities could also curb prospective developer commitments toward upcoming commercial office complexes.

Representing regional commercial interests, the Chamber petitioned the Municipal Commissioner and Standing Committee Chairman with concrete interventions: comprehensively re-evaluate the 7.00 factor, bring it to equitable parity with standard 1.75 commercial benchmarks, and institutionalize prior consultations with SGCCI, banking representatives, and developers before modifying city assessment structures.

Key Update

Date	Representing Body	SGCCI Leadership	Addressed Authorities
8 September 2026	The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI)	Shri Ashok Jirawala (President)	Municipal Commissioner & Chairman, Standing Committee (Surat Municipal Corporation)

Core Demand: Parity adjustment between standard commercial factor (1.75) and banking factor (7.00)



From Roots to Global Heights!

SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala addresses Kurmi Itihas Anusandhan Parishad's Second National Conclave as Chief Guest in Bhopal

From powering India's agrarian backbone across 25 states to building global commercial enterprises, the resilient spirit of the soil is expanding into higher realms. Gracing the national symposium at Gujarati Samaj Bhavan in Bhopal, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala delivered an inspiring blueprint, encouraging the upcoming generation to master technology and step into global leadership.

Addressing the Second National Conclave hosted by the Kurmi Itihas Anusandhan Parishad, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated the community's indelible historical contributions while voicing profound thoughts on emerging demographic transitions. Emphasizing national cohesion, he observed that this dialogue extends beyond sectional identity; it celebrates a living heritage rooted deep within the Indian soil—a heritage that presented the republic with towering historical icons like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Spread across 25 states as Kurmi, Kunbi, Kanbi, or Patidar, identities and linguistic dialects may vary, yet the shared ethos of untiring toil, agrarian grounding, and fierce pride binds them into a single national thread.

Underlining socioeconomic progression, Shri Jirawala noted that our ancestors sanctified their lives to ensure national food security. Built upon that bedrock of integrity, Gujarat's enterprising Patidars systematically

> "One generation cultivated the land, the next built enduring enterprises, and our upcoming generation must now lead through knowledge, technology, and global governance."
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala
> President, SGCCI



Did You Know?

The organized convention of Kurmi and Patidar agrarian communities dates back over a century. Founded in Lucknow in 1894, the All India Kurmi Kshatriya Sabha stands as one of the earliest pan-Indian socioeconomic platforms, pioneering educational institutions and civic modernization for agricultural communities across western and northern India.

evolved from farming to local commerce, and subsequently built world-class industrial hubs. Outlining the forward trajectory, he underscored that while the founding generation tilled and consolidated the land, and the second established enterprise, the youth must now spearhead knowledge-driven frontiers, advanced technology, professional competencies, and global governance. Grounded firmly in foundational values, our sight must remain set on the skies.

The symposium was steered by Parishad Madhya Pradesh Convener Shri Arvind Singh, Coordinator Shri Pratipal Patel, and Library Head Shri Sarvesh Singh, alongside scholars and community delegates representing diverse states. In recognition of his regional industrial leadership and civic stewardship across South Gujarat, Shri Jirawala was accorded an affectionate civic felicitation by the Bhopal Gujarati Samaj. Concluding his visit, Shri Jirawala visited the Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga shrine in Ujjain to offer prayers for collective national peace, industrial growth, and commercial prosperity.

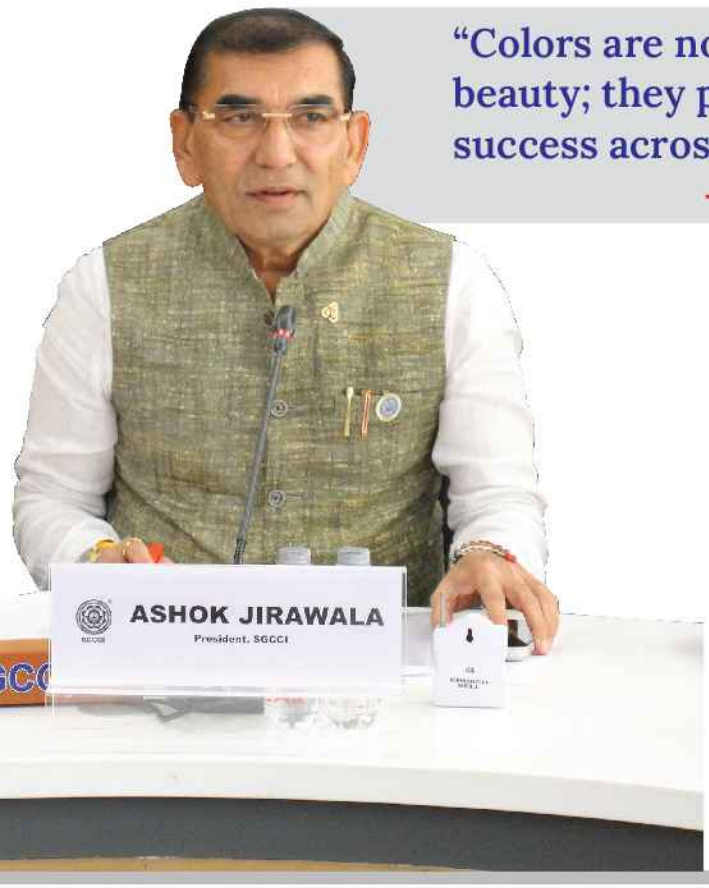


The Psychology of Color Profit!

SGCCI seminar explores how chromatic science drives buyer decisions, inventory health, and luxury positioning in apparel and textiles



Color is universally the primary sensory hook triggering consumer attention. Far from serving as mere surface aesthetics, precision palette selection functions as an undercover psychological mechanism that establishes quality perception, brand trust, and instant purchasing intent across retail racks.



"Colors are not merely confined to canvas or fabric beauty; they paint fresh strokes of commercial success across our business thinking."

- Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

Anchoring Surat's progressive transition toward becoming a distinguished global garmenting corridor, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted a specialized session titled 'The Business of Colors: How Color Influences Fashion, Textiles and Buying Decisions' at the Mehta Hall within the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana. Opening the deliberations, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored the direct intersection between artistic flair and commercial profitability. He noted that hues do not simply decorate fabric—they infuse dynamic energy into business models. While fashion definitions evolve continuously, an entrepreneur's creative perspective and willingness to master contemporary consumer instincts provide the decisive edge in competitive marketplaces.

Did You Know?

The Pantone Color Institute has announced the 'Color of the Year' annually since 1999, influencing consumer design worldwide. Commercial psychology studies consistently indicate that consumers establish subconscious product evaluations within 90 seconds of initial contact, with between 60% and 90% of that immediate assessment determined strictly by color.

Lead speaker and distinguished color analyst Ms. Anita Singh unpacked the mechanics of buying patterns governed by palette science. Warm pigments drawn from fire and sun—such as rich crimson, mustard, and orange—form the natural lifeline for Indian festive textiles, bridal wear, and ceremonial silhouettes. Conversely, water- and earth-derived cool palettes—encompassing navy, powder blue, sage green, and ivory—infuse structured menswear, formal apparel, and resort lines with an understated, luxurious sophistication.

To resolve perpetual manufacturer dilemmas surrounding unsold inventory, Ms. Singh unveiled a four-tier production framework: consistent year-round 'Core Colors', trend-aligned 'Fashion Colors', climate-responsive 'Seasonal Colors', and statement 'Highlight Colors'. Emphasizing macroeconomic alignment, she pointed out that tracking the global 'Pantone Color of the Year' decodes collective international lifestyle patterns, enabling regional manufacturers to align export collections precisely with evolving worldwide appetite.







From Reels to Real Enterprise!

SGCCI hosts 'Content Creators Conclave' at Sarsana, decoding the monumental economic power of brand storytelling and the digital economy

Having stamped its indelible authority across global textile corridors and diamond cutting centers, Surat is now steering decisively into digital commercialization. Transcending casual online amusement, cutting-edge content creation has transformed into an indispensable economic conduit, linking regional manufacturers directly with global consumers through strategic digital storytelling.



Navigating the structural transition spurred by the ongoing digital revolution, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) convened the high-profile 'Content Creators Conclave' at the Ushakant Marfatia Hall in Sarsana. Unfolding a far-reaching developmental perspective, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated that Surat has long been celebrated worldwide for engineering manufacturing supremacy, but the unfolding epoch marks the creator economy as the new, formidable engine driving comprehensive regional development. He underlined that young digital storytellers serve as vital commercial conduits, carrying local manufacturing units and business houses directly onto international digital shelves. By harmonizing native creative flair with technological innovation, digital creators are not only sculpting viable entrepreneurial professions but are also providing Surat's legacy business clusters with



dynamic visibility and a commanding global voice. Shri Jirawala reiterated that SGCCI remains fully resolved to equip local creators with incubation platforms, strategic insights, and institutional backing.

Expanding on commercial relevance, SGCCI Vice President Shri Ravi Raj Desai highlighted that content creation has matured beyond casual pastime to become the primary vehicle for enterprise credibility and mass market engagement. He observed that demystifying platform algorithms, securing viable corporate brand endorsements, and weaving genuine value into narratives represent essential competencies for contemporary digital founders.

Addressing the assembly from a philosophical vantage, eminent poet and writer Shri Ankit Trivedi cautioned against superficial brevity. He stated that true creative output originates from deep contemplation, emotional resonance, and authentic human communication. A brief video reel does not embody the entirety of creative expression; enduring resonance is born of structured narrative, rich linguistics, and candid dialogue.

Furnishing structural economic indicators, Shri Gautam Madhavan, Founder and CEO of MAD Group, demonstrated how the sector has evolved. Barely 8 years ago, the domestic creator market held zero baseline valuation; today, it stands at Rs. 3,500 crore, poised to inject an additional Rs. 3,500 crore over the subsequent 3 years. With over 10,000 active Indian creators, even micro-producers commanding 1,000 dedicated followers operate with genuine monetization leverage.

Corroborating this perspective, Shri Kandarp Patel, Founder of 'Granth', characterized creators as frontline entrepreneurs destined to trigger widespread tertiary employment. Veteran culinary creator Shri Nikunj Vasoya cautioned practitioners against blind imitation, advising focus on authentic cultural originality, while motivational speaker Ms. Vanita Rawat recounted her transition from 200 to 1,00,000 followers to underscore the indispensable virtue of operational consistency.

Did You Know?

The global creator economy currently exceeds a total enterprise value of 250 billion dollars. According to global analytical projections published by Goldman Sachs Research, accelerated mobile broadband penetration, streaming infrastructure, and platform commerce are anticipated to propel compound market valuations toward 480 billion dollars by 2027.

Security is Investment, Not Expense

SGCCI organizes specialized 'Cyber Security Boardroom Risk Lab' at Sarsana to prepare business leaders against evolving digital vulnerabilities



In the interconnected digital landscape, a momentary lapse in data defense can dismantle decades of meticulously built customer goodwill and corporate credibility within minutes. Moving beyond the basement IT server room, cyber resilience has rightfully claimed its place as an existential boardroom mandate for executive leadership.

Addressing business leaders and banking executives during the intensive 'Cyber Security Boardroom Risk Lab' hosted at the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored the urgent imperative for proactive enterprise defense. He stated that organizations that upgrade their security posture in lockstep with technological disruption are the ones that endure and lead. Cyber defense is neither an operational overhead nor an unwelcome expenditure; it represents the most critical and strategic investment required to fortify enterprise longevity, safeguarding hard-earned commercial dreams and institutional balance sheets.

The session was steered by veteran architect Shri Bharat Panchal, a founding member of the

Did You Know?

According to global threat landscape findings published by IBM Security and cybersecurity institutions, it requires an international average of over 200 days to detect and contain an unassisted data breach. Furthermore, over 60% of small-to-mid-tier enterprises facing major unauthorized intrusions suffer crippling enterprise valuation degradation within 6 months.

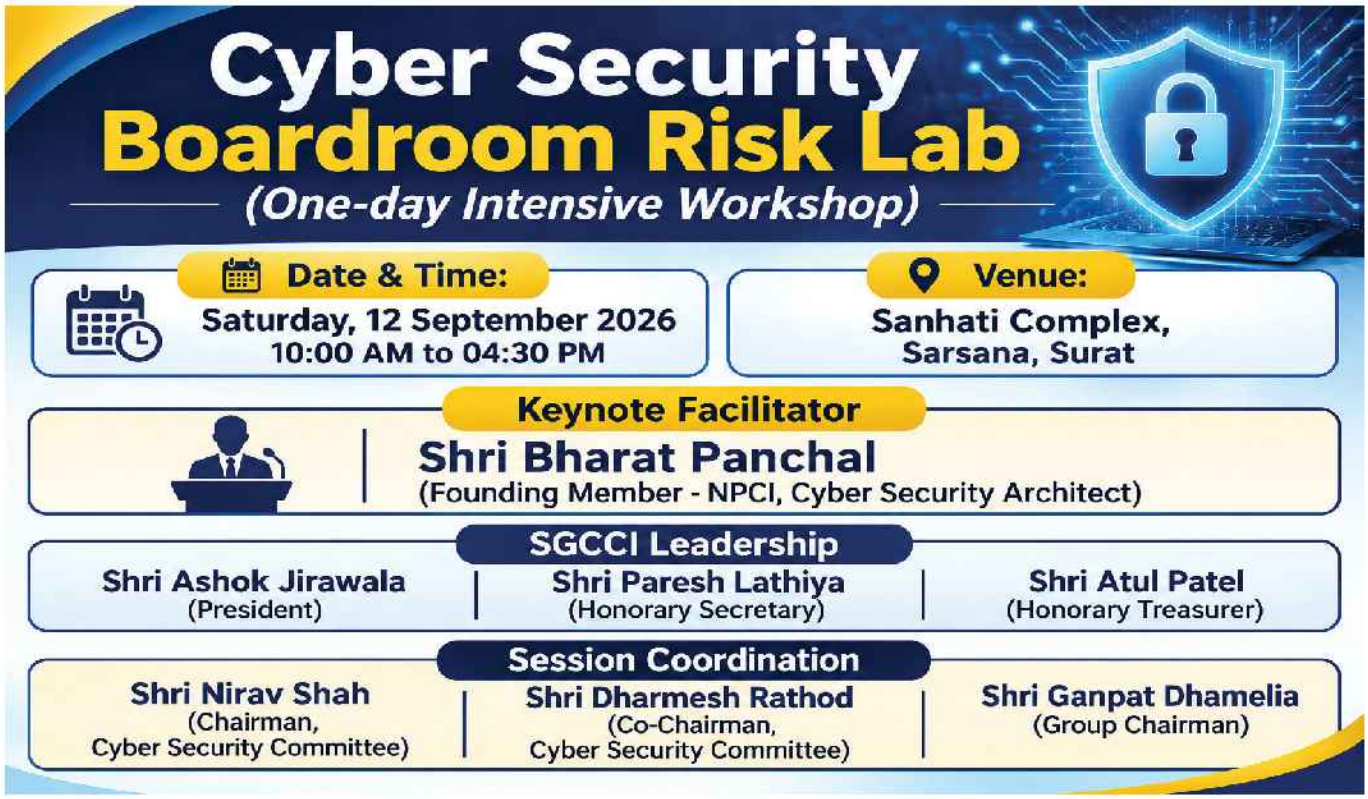




> "Cyber security is not an additional fiscal burden or an unnecessary overhead; it is the most vital, secure investment to safeguard an empire built over years of hard work."
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) who directed risk, compliance, and cyber governance architectures for revolutionary payment rails like UPI, RuPay, IMPS, NACH, and BBPS, while also architecting the BHIM platform and the cybercrime.gov.in portal. He remarked that Industry 4.0 functions like a double-edged sword—unlocking unprecedented operational efficiency while simultaneously exposing enterprises to sophisticated ransomware syndicates and financial payment fraud. He stressed that preserving corporate valuation requires boardrooms to take active ownership of threat intelligence.

To bridge boardroom theory with operational crisis management, the workshop conducted an immersive live cyber-attack simulation dubbed 'Pragati Bank'. Participants assumed pressurized roles including MD & CEO, CFO, and CISO to navigate real-time incident assessments, regulatory disclosures, and crisis communications. Attendees were guided through formulating a 90-day cyber action blueprint alongside a 10-page board-level metrics matrix. SGCCI Cyber Security Committee Chairman Shri Nirav Shah flagged rising exposures emerging from artificial intelligence and third-party vendor ecosystems, urging enterprises to embed resilience well ahead of systemic breaches.





Grit Behind Glamour!

SGCCI Ladies Wing organizes interactive talk show 'Ek Shaam Gujarati Abhinetriyo Ke Naam' featuring prominent theatre and film artists

Beneath the glittering surface of cinema and the theatrical stage lies an intense journey defined by relentless grit, resilience against early rejections, and uncompromising devotion. Bringing these unspoken backstage realities to light, two accomplished actresses from Surat shared their personal odysseys, sparking inspiration and financial self-reliance among women members.

Convened at Mehta Hall within the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana, the inspiring talk show organized by the Ladies Wing of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) brought together artists and entrepreneurs. Setting the context, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala remarked that the performing arts industry appears exceptionally glamorous from the outside, yet it demands profound discipline, sacrifice, and resilience. He emphasized that the gathering transcended leisure, serving as a dynamic platform for attendees to draw practical motivation, perseverance, and renewed energy from the real-life triumphs of Surat's own talent.

Addressing the gathering, Smt. Alpaben Madrasi, Chairperson of the Ladies Wing, stated that women possess unmatched creative instincts and enterprise, which effortlessly scale peaks of excellence when matched with mentorship and equal opportunities. Surat taking pride in its cultural ambassadors across national cinema remains an uplifting benchmark.

Noted actress Ms. Hina Jaykishan—widely

Did You Know?

The revitalization of contemporary Urban Gujarati Cinema and theatrical arts has significantly expanded professional participation for female performers and technicians. Comprehensive state film policies alongside the rapid penetration of regional OTT platforms have broadened career sustainability and market visibility for regional cinematic talent across India.





> As captivating and glamorous as the acting realm appears from the outside, it is built upon equal measures of hard work, discipline, and relentless sacrifice.
>
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

recognized for her performances in feature films such as 'Krishnavataram', 'Chup', 'Kutch Express', and 'Hip Hip Hurray'—highlighted the critical need for complete economic independence among modern women. She urged members never to compromise their ambitions due to societal anxieties, but instead pursue them with strategic planning and fortitude. Accomplished stage artist Ms. Saatvi Choksi, with over 11 acclaimed plays to her credit, recounted the rigors of competitive auditions and handling initial set-backs. She noted that talent alone remains incomplete without unyielding patience, hard work, and steadfast conviction in one's aspirations.

'Ek Shaam Gujarati Abhinetriyo Ke Naam'

(Interactive Talk Show)

Date: 7 September 2026

Venue: Mehta Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat

Organized By
SGCCI Ladies Wing

Guest Actresses
Ms. Hina Jaykishan & Ms. Saatvi Choksi

SGCCI Leadership
Shri Ashok Jirawala *(President)* | Shri Ravi Raj Desai *(Vice President)*
Shri Atul Patel *(Honorary Treasurer)* | Shri Nikhil Madrasi *(Immediate Past President)*

Ladies Wing Coordination
Smt. Alpaben Madrasi *(Chairperson)* | Smt. Shraddhaben Shah *(Master of Ceremonies)* | Smt. Roshni Taylor *(Vote of Thanks)*

Colors of Tradition, Wings of Craft

Over 100 students immerse in traditional handicrafts at SGCCI's 'Festive Decoration Workshop' hosted at H.N. Patel Vidyalaya



Ahead of the festive season, classroom spaces transformed into vibrant artisanal studios. By bridging traditional folk art forms with contemporary aesthetics, young learners discovered the beauty of door torans, embellished ceremonial pots, ornate puja thalis, and festive umbrellas, connecting organically with India's living cultural roots.

Designed to foster creative self-expression and immerse the younger generation in timeless celebratory handicrafts, the Art, Culture & Handicraft



"Children possess immense innate imagination. When provided with a dedicated platform and masterly guidance, their inventive ideas effortlessly blossom into exquisite artisanal creations."

– Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI





Did You Know?

The cultural practice of adorning main entrances with handcrafted 'torans' traces back to early Vedic civilization. Historically woven from mango leaves, Ashoka foliage, and fresh marigolds, these doorway hangings were utilized not only for auspicious aesthetics, but as natural air-purifiers that absorbed environmental toxins and deterred seasonal insect vectors during post-monsoon festivities.

Committee of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted 'Unleash Your Creativity – Festive Decoration Workshop' at H.N. Patel Vidyalaya (managed by D.C. Patel Trust), Bharthana. The experiential learning initiative drew active participation from over 100 students across Grades 6 to 12.

Delivering the welcome address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored the vital need to anchor youth in indigenous heritage. He stated that Indian festivals transcend external celebrations; they remain deeply intertwined with civilizational history, cultural values, and traditional artistic disciplines. In this fast-paced digital era, it is imperative that our youth perceive the profound substance behind these festive rituals. Every child harbors innate imagination. When provided with an encouraging platform and structured mentorship, their inventive ideas effortlessly blossom into exquisite artisanal creations.

The workshop delivered hands-on clinics led by four accomplished contemporary artists. Art explorer Dr. Bijal Lashkari trained learners in doorway toran composition. Contemporary artist Mansi Virani guided students on blending folk motifs with modern aesthetics for Janmashtami ceremonial clay pots. Artist and entrepreneur Ayushi Desai Vyas provided instruction on designing handcrafted puja thalis, while visual artist Amit Parmar trained learners in mixed-media and ethnic textures for festive umbrella ornamentation.

Smt. Amita Pandya, Principal of H.N. Patel Vidyalaya, offered remarks during the event. Smt. Swati Shethwala, Committee Advisor, anchored the session, while Advisor Smt. Mayuri Mevawala introduced the artist mentors. Committee Chairperson Smt. Krutika Shah outlined the program's creative scope and proposed the vote of thanks. The session concluded with a vibrant exhibition showcasing the students' handcrafted creations.

Event Panel

- **Event:** Unleash Your Creativity – Festive Decoration Workshop
- **Date:** 2 September 2026
- **Venue:** H.N. Patel Vidyalaya, Bharthana, Surat (Managed by D.C. Patel Trust)
- **Organized By:** SGCCI Art, Culture & Handicraft Committee
- **Participants:** 100+ Students (Grades 6 to 12)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President, SGCCI)
- **Committee Executives:** Smt. Krutika Shah (Chairperson), Smt. Swati Shethwala (Advisor), Smt. Mayuri Mevawala (Advisor)
- **Institutional Representative:** Smt. Amita Pandya (Principal, H.N. Patel Vidyalaya)
- **Mentor Artists:** Dr. Bijal Lashkari (Toran Making), Mansi Virani (Matki Decoration), Ayushi Desai Vyas (Puja Thali Artistry), Amit Parmar (Umbrella Styling)



Science, Subsidy, and Savory Success!

SGCCI organizes specialized seminar at Sarsana decoding new entrepreneurial avenues through food science, government schemes, and market branding

Amid unprecedented horticultural expansion, value-addition and food processing have emerged as potent engines for industrial entrepreneurship. Harmonizing cutting-edge food technology, state-backed capital subsidies, and modern packaging disciplines enables regional enterprises to transform agrarian output into enduring national brands.

Convened at the SPB Hall within the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) brought together food scientists, policymakers, and industry pioneers. Delivering the welcome address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated the '2Q+1C' mantra—Quality, Quantity, and Commitment—as the foundation for sustainable enterprise. He underscored that the current economic landscape offers ideal momentum to scale food businesses through modern science and structured public schemes. When grassroots cultivation aligns with technological precision and forward-looking industrial policy, modest entrepreneurial ventures naturally evolve into formidable corporate entities commanding pan-India footprints.

Shri D. K. Padaliya, Joint Director of the Horticulture Department, Surat, highlighted that inadequate cold storage infrastructure causes farmers post-harvest losses of 15% to 20% across fruit and vegetable cultivation. Detailing sectoral growth, he noted that when Gujarat established a standalone horticulture department in 1992, fruit cultivation spanned merely 1.25 lakh hectares, which has surged to 4.50 lakh hectares today. Concurrently, vegetable acreage expanded from 2 lakh hectares two decades ago to 8.50 lakh hectares. This immense volume unlocks lucrative commercial frontiers in dehydration, packaging, mushroom cultivation, apiculture, and certified organic derivatives.

Former CSIR researcher and food scientist Shri Rajendra Gohil outlined funding pathways under the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, elaborating on capital grants available through CEFPPC, Integrated Cold Chain, Operation Greens, and GOBARdhan initiatives. Shri Brij Mithaiwala of '24 Carats Mithai Magic' emphasized that traditional businesses thrive when modern packaging, consistent quality parameters, and personalized client relationships converge.






> In any business, 2Q+1C—Quality, Quantity, and Commitment—proves decisive; integrating modern science with policy turns small concepts into mighty commercial pillars.
>
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI



Event Panel

- **Event:** Seminar – New Business Opportunities in Food Processing through Science, Government Support, and Market Strategy
- **Date:** 10 September 2026
- **Venue:** SPB Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary)
- **Keynote Speakers:** Shri Rajendra Gohil (Food Scientist, Former Researcher - CSIR), Shri D. K. Padaliya (Joint Director, Horticulture Department - Surat), Shri Brij Mithaiwala (Partner, 24 Carats Mithai Magic)
- **Organizing Committee:** Shri K. B. Pipaliya (Chairman, Agriculture & Animal Husbandry Committee), Shri Nitesh Chandalia (Chairman, Food Processing Committee), Shri Sanjay Gajiwala (Group Chairman)

Fuel to Fabric: Defying Headwinds!

SGCCI convenes high-level panel discussion at Sarsana titled 'Accelerating Surat's Next Economic Leap - Fuel to Fabric'



Confronted by geopolitical uncertainties, volatile thermal coal pricing, and extended credit windows, Surat's manufacturing ecosystem continues to display remarkable tenacity. Industry captains across textile processing, energy, and chemical verticals gathered to forge a unified, resilient roadmap, converting external operational constraints into sustained competitive advantage.

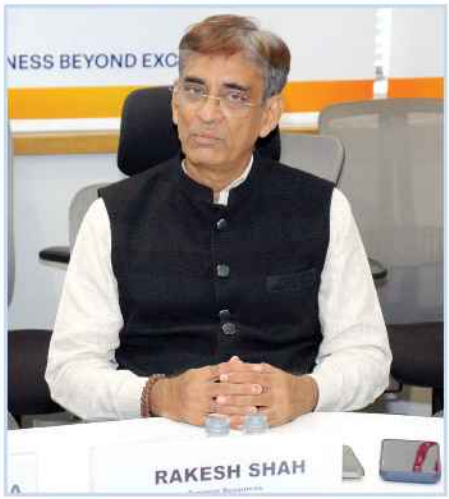
Convened at the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) brought together key sectoral leaders for an in-depth dialogue on industrial sustainability. Opening the panel, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala lauded the innate resilience of regional enterprise. He underlined that history stands testament to Surat never bowing before economic disruptions or global market contractions. Carving productive pathways amid adversity and transmuting operational challenges into fresh industrial opportunities define the true spirit of local industrialists. Shared internal solidarity, strategic foresight, and unwavering determination across the regional value chain will keep Surat at the forefront of the upcoming economic expansion.

Analyzing escalating energy costs, Shri Rakesh Shah of Taranjot Resources pointed out that of the approximately 11 million tons of thermal coal imported through Surat annually, nearly 60%

Event Panel

- **Event:** Panel Discussion – 'Accelerating Surat's Next Economic Leap - Fuel to Fabric'
- **Date & Time:** Thursday, 10 September 2026, 05:30 PM
- **Venue:** Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Ravi Raj Desai (Vice President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Panelists:** Shri Rakesh Shah (Taranjot Resources), Shri Prashant Patel (Suyog Dye Chemi), Shri Sunil Jain (Indian Women Fashion Pvt. Ltd.)
- **Program Leadership & Moderation:** Shri Sanjay Punjabi (Group Chairman - Overview & Anchoring), CA (Dr.) Pragnesh Jagaseth (Moderator & Vote of Thanks, Chairman - Surat Economic Forum Committee)







> "Yielding to adversity is simply not in Surat's DNA; carving pathways through disruption and turning hurdles into enterprise opportunities is our core strength.
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI"

powers industrial units across South Gujarat. Recent regulatory curbs introduced by Indonesia, aggressive pre-winter inventory stockpiling across Chinese manufacturing belts, and surging international bunker fuel tariffs have sharply driven up ocean freight rates. Emphasizing uncompromising standards, Shri Prashant Patel of Suyog Dye Chemi noted that compromised feedstock degrades finished outputs. India stands second globally in dyes and pigments, with Gujarat commanding 70% of national pharmaceutical exports and driving 70% to 80% of colorant and pigment exports worldwide.

Addressing domestic trading frictions, Shri Sunil Jain of Indian Women Fashion Pvt. Ltd. highlighted the twin strains of overproduction and protracted credit cycles spanning 100 to 180 days, which severely trap working capital. He urged financial institutions to offer subsidized credit lines to stabilize trade liquidity. The panel concluded by advocating for an integrated, long-term policy shield developed jointly with state and central authorities to insulate regional manufacturers against external global volatility.



Clay, Devotion, and Clean Waters



Ahead of Ganeshotsav, SGCCI organizes 'Eco-Friendly Ganesh Murti' workshop at Navjivan Luxury Cars to promote green celebrations

Festive devotion achieves its purest essence when celebrated in complete harmony with mother nature. Steering clear of non-biodegradable plaster and toxic pigments, Surat citizens came together to sculpt sacred idols from natural river clay, turning festive preparations into a meaningful ecological commitment.

Spearheading environmental stewardship ahead of the festive season, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) hosted an engaging 'Eco-Friendly Ganesh Murti' workshop at Navjivan Luxury Cars. Inspiring participants, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala drew a moving parallel between sculpting clay and shaping purposeful human lives. He noted that handcrafting Lord Ganesha's idol out of pure earth is not merely a spiritual experience, but an earnest civic duty toward environmental



> "Sculpting Ganesha from earth is a devotional experience woven with ecological duty; just as clay yields to gentle care, hard work shapes a noble life."
>
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI



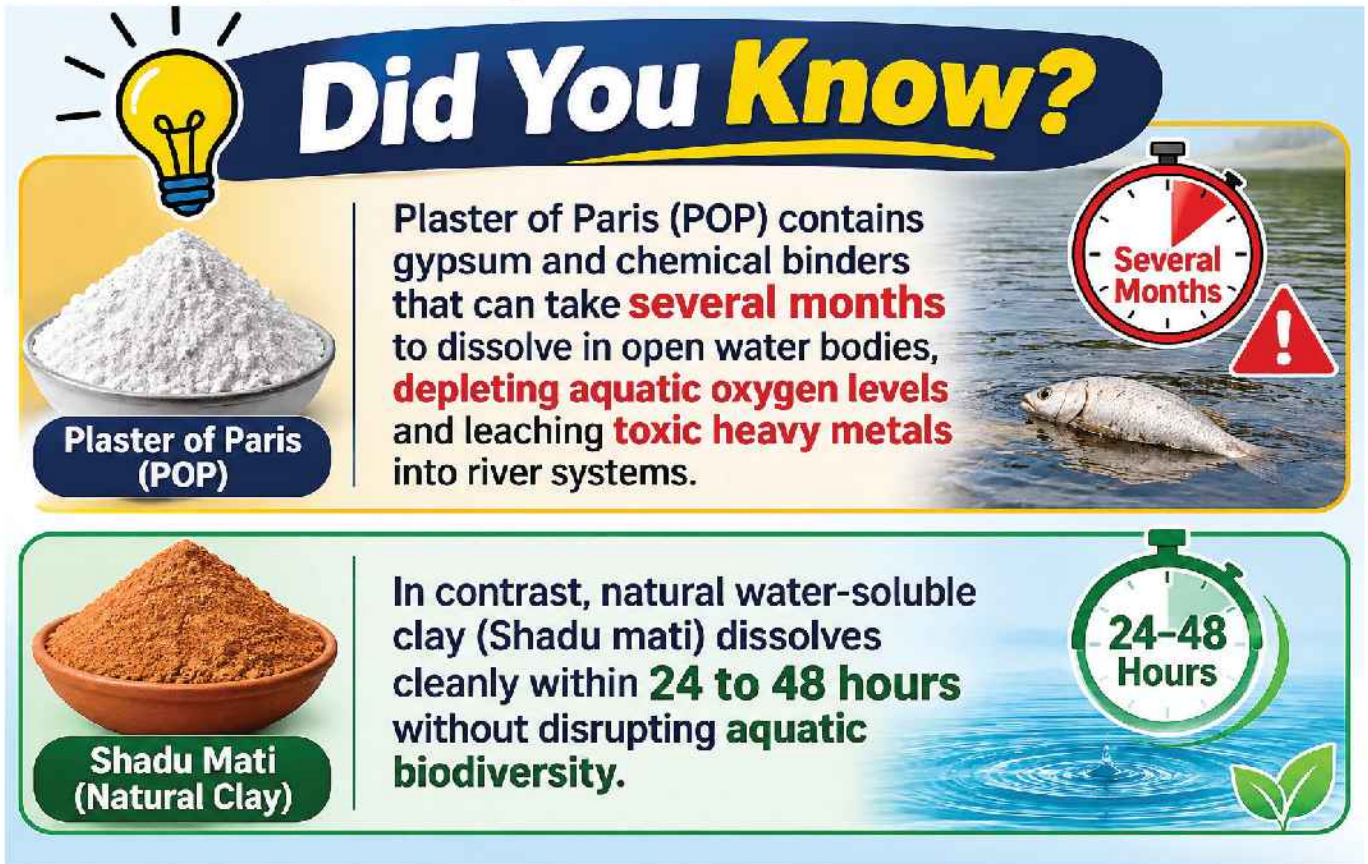
Event Panel



- **Event:** Eco-Friendly Ganesh Murti Workshop
- **Date:** 10 September 2026
- **Venue:** Navjivan Luxury Cars, Surat
- **Organized By:** SGCCI Art & Culture Committee
- **Master Artist:** Smt. Shwetaben Shah
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Committee Coordination**: Ms. Krutika Shah (Chairperson), Smt. Swatiben Shethwala (Advisor), Shri Shailesh Desai (Group Chairman), Ms. Radhika Mehta (Emcee), Dr. Ankita Rajyaguru (Artist Introduction), Ms. Anjali (Ganesh Vandana)

preservation. Just as malleable clay yields to gentle touch, patient care, and reverence, human character can be refined into excellence through dedicated hard work and unwavering optimism.

Master artist Smt. Shwetaben Shah provided hands-on training, demonstrating essential techniques including soil conditioning, moisture balance, structural molding, and delicate facial detailing. Enthusiastic attendees handcrafted their own earthen idols on the spot, taking a collective pledge to completely boycott chemical-laced Plaster of Paris (POP) idols. This community initiative directly prevents heavy post-immersion lake and river water contamination.





Bridging Campus Curricula with Industry Reality

SGCCI hosts official curtain raiser for 'Global Education and Skill Expo 2026' scheduled to take place from 11 to 13 December

In a rapidly shifting global economy, traditional textbooks and conventional degrees are insufficient on their own to build resilient career trajectories. Integrating dynamic campus learning directly with corporate shop floors, regional academia and industrial leadership converged to chart future-proof avenues for students across South Gujarat.

Anchoring an institutional initiative to connect students and young innovators with international academic pathways and practical market readiness, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) unveiled the curtain raiser for the upcoming 'Global Education and Skill Expo 2026', scheduled from 11 to 13 December. Opening the proceedings, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated the core developmental priority of equipping youth with contemporary market competencies. He noted that South Gujarat has consistently pioneered entrepreneurship, trade, and enterprise. For regional industries to sustain modernization and compete internationally, young professionals must be equipped with world-class education alongside hands-on technical

Event Panel

- **Event:** Curtain Raiser – 'Global Education and Skill Expo 2026'
- **Date:** 21 September 2026 (Expo Dates: 11, 12, and 13 December 2026)
- **Venue:** Surat
- **Chief Guests:** Shri Kishorsinh Chavda (Vice Chancellor, VNSGU), Dr. Niharika Patel (Education Inspector)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Ravi Raj Desai (Vice President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Organizing Committee:** Dr. Vijay Radadiya (Group Chairman), Shri Manish Kapadia (Chairman, All Exhibition), Dr. Monika Sharma (Chairperson, Educational & Academic Committee), Dr. Nailesh Patel (Co-Chairman, Educational & Academic Committee)







> **Education is not merely about acquiring textbook knowledge; it is the master key to turning dreams into reality. When youthful determination is unwavering, global success is within reach.**
>
> **— Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI**

proficiencies. Education transcends conventional textbook memorization—it is the vital catalyst that transforms aspirations into concrete reality. When determination is firm, international career heights are well within reach.

Underlining academic-corporate alignment, Shri Kishorsinh Chavda, Vice Chancellor of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), emphasized that academic degrees must be paired with immediate industrial immersion. He proposed vital strategic elements for the expo, including structuring dedicated internship pipelines across Surat's manufacturing clusters for undergraduate students, nurturing indigenous campus startups, organizing comprehensive science and innovation fairs, and mounting live demonstrations of emerging global technologies. Education Inspector Dr. Niharika Patel offered operational guidance regarding the broader academic objectives and outreach.

Detailing the exhibition's framework, SGCCI Group Chairman Dr. Vijay Radadiya stated that the three-day platform will bring together students, accredited universities, skill incubators, and corporate employers under a single roof, establishing organic institutional alignment between curriculum design and practical hiring requirements.

Did You Know?

According to findings published in the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report, the ongoing expansion of generative artificial intelligence and workflow automation necessitates comprehensive reskilling for over 50% of the active global workforce. Under India's National Education Policy (NEP 2020), integrating credit-bearing industrial internships into degree programs is closing long-standing disparities between graduate degrees and immediate market employability.



Green Energy Curtailment: Transparency Imperative

SGCCI petitions State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) in Vadodara seeking clear operational criteria for Green Energy Open Access curtailment



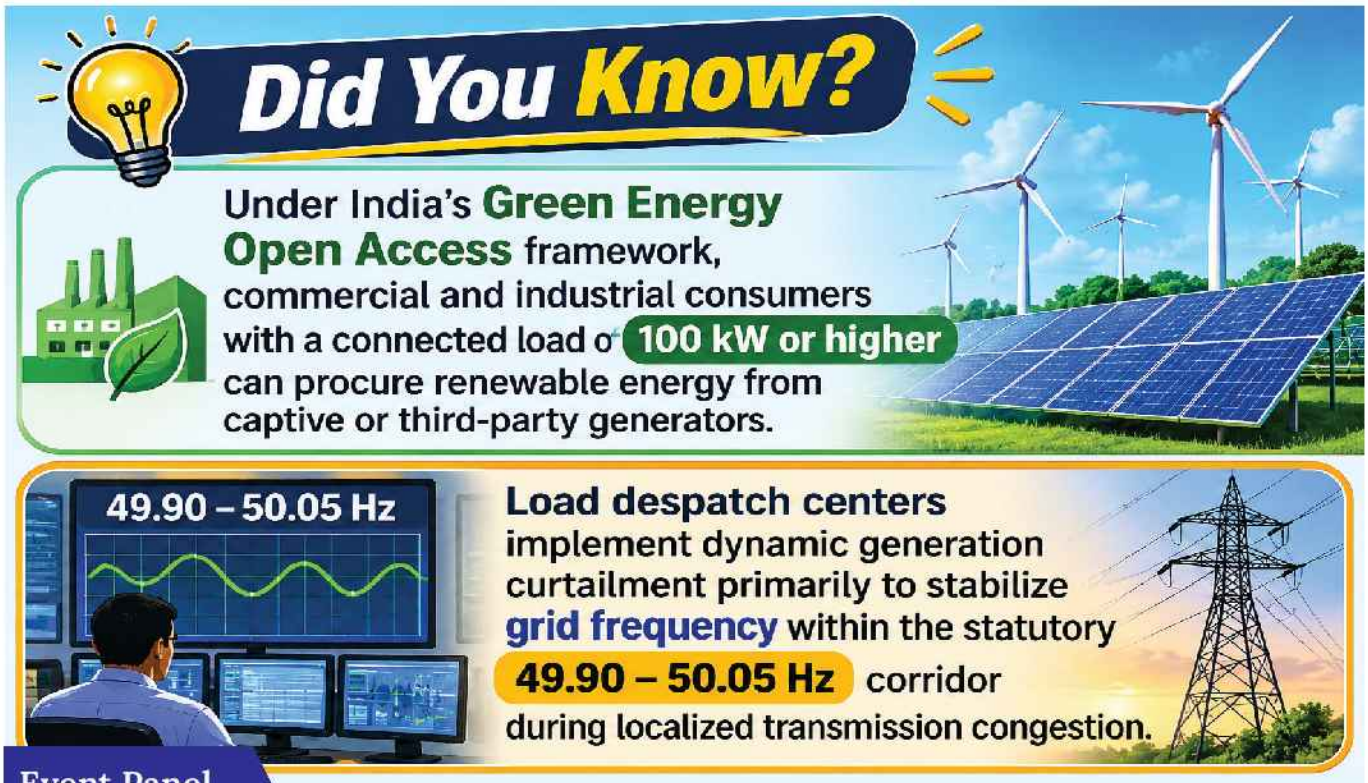
Industries across South Gujarat have committed substantial long-term capital toward captive renewable power plants to reduce operational costs and fulfill clean energy mandates. However, growing ambiguity surrounding transmission grid curtailment, operational priority, and pro-rata formulas has triggered serious apprehensions regarding generation targets and financial viability.

Representing industrial concerns, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) submitted a comprehensive petition before the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) in Vadodara. Following formal submissions initiated by SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala, a delegation from the Chamber's DGVCL Committee held direct representations with system operators. Underscoring investment security, Shri Jirawala noted that captive renewable ventures represent critical long-term capital planning rather than mere tariff reductions. While grid security remains paramount, clear, standardized, and predictable mechanisms must govern generation curtailment when transmission bottlenecks arise. The Chamber's objective is to foster transparency and mutual coordination between industrial generators and the system operator without compromising grid stability.

> "Renewable energy is not merely a tool for cost optimization, but the cornerstone of long-term capital planning; operational clarity must coexist with grid security."
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI



The representation sought explicit clarity under Regulation 18 of the GERC (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2024. The Chamber pressed for transparent metrics governing curtailment sequencing among Short-Term, Medium-Term, and Long-Term Open Access transactions, as well as the exact mathematical methodology applied for pro-rata rationing. Furthermore, queries were raised regarding curtailment triggers on 11 kV connected units, technical parameters identifying grid congestion, and the institutional mechanism for promptly communicating downtime timestamps, duration, and impacted network elements to captive plant operators.



Event Panel

- **Date:** 24 September 2026
- **Representing Body:** The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI)
- **Addressed Authority:** State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Vadodara
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President)
- **Delegation Members (DGVCL Committee):** Shri Suresh Patel (Advisor), Shri Kishor Boghani (Chairman), Shri Paulik Desai (Secretary)
- **Regulatory Reference:** GERC Regulations 2024 (Regulation 18 – Curtailment Priority)

An Evening of Wit and National Pride



SGCCI and Amrutam Foundation host 'Virat Hasya Kavi Sammelan' at Sarsana featuring distinguished national poets

Providing a spirited departure from daily commercial pursuits, the Platinum Hall in Sarsana echoed with side-splitting political wit and stirring patriotic verse. Renowned poets from across India took the stage, weaving a memorable cultural fabric that blended high humor, feminine strength, and national consciousness.

Jointly organized by The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and Amrutam Foundation at the Platinum Hall in Sarsana, the 'Virat Hasya Kavi Sammelan' drew widespread participation from Surat's civic and industrial fraternity. Delivering the welcome address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala characterized genuine cheerfulness as an enduring inner anchor. He remarked that humor and buoyant enthusiasm are not mere transient diversions, but represent the vital mental stamina required to navigate







> "Humor and enthusiasm are not mere transient entertainment, but an inner strength to move forward with a smile amid life's adversities."
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI





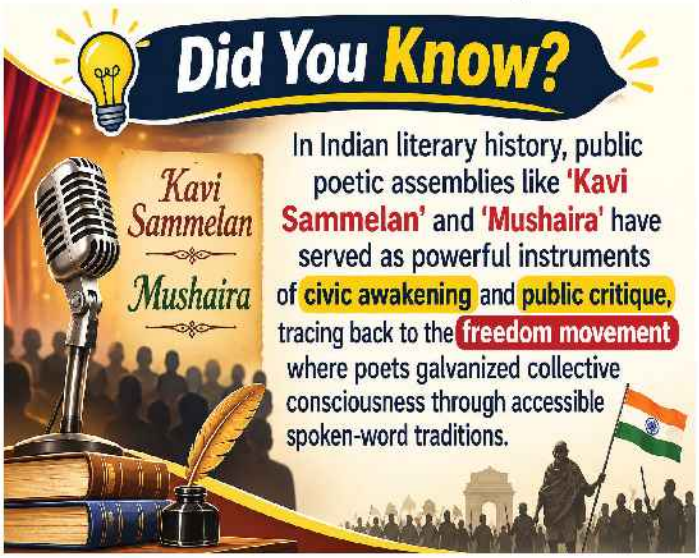

professional challenges with an unwavering smile. Progressing continuously while keeping the flame of national pride burning within the heart remains the true philosophy of purposeful living.

Gracing the dais as Chief Guest, Gujarat's Minister of State for Health Shri Prafulbhai Pansheriya observed that humor and valor operate as harmonious emotional currents within the human mind. He pointed out that true equanimity underlies refined wit, noting that a society that reveres poets and literary minds always stands elevated.

The assembly was treated to exceptional poetic performances. Patna's Dr. Tishya Shree celebrated the poise and indomitable power of Indian womanhood with resounding verses:

"Saral hai, shaant hai,
suljhi hui-si ek kahani hai,
Kabhi kirdaar beti ka, kabhi raja ki rani hai,
Jatil sab maamlon ko,
hal wo karti hans ke palbhar mein,
Pade jo mauka to phir wo Ambe-Bhawani hai."

Pratapgarh's satirist Shri Parth Naveen regaled the audience with sharp political humor, quipping: "Ek neta kursi ko yoon dekhta hai, jaise Jethalal Babita ko dekhta hai!" alongside his soulful rendition of "Jag Ghoomeya Tere Jaisa Na Koi" championing social unity. Lucknow's Ms. Kavita Tiwari evoked patriotic fervor through powerful heroic verses, while Aligarh's Dr. Vishnu Saxena captivated listeners with expressive ghazals. New Delhi's Chirag Jain entertained with social wit, and Dewas's Shashikant Yadav anchored the event with spirited flair.



Event Panel

- **Event:** Virat Hasya Kavi Sammelan
- **Date:** 8 September 2026
- **Venue:** Platinum Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **Joint Organizers:** SGCCI & Amrutam Foundation
- **Chief Guest:** Shri Prafulbhai Pansheriya (Minister of State for Health, Govt. of Gujarat)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer), Shri Nikhil Madrasi (Immediate Past President)
- **Featured Poets:** Dr. Tishya Shree (Patna), Shri Parth Naveen (Pratapgarh), Ms. Kavita Tiwari (Lucknow), Shri Shashikant Yadav (Dewas), Shri Chirag Jain (New Delhi), Dr. Vishnu Saxena (Aligarh)
- **Dignitaries Present:** Shri Tejas Parmar (Collector, Surat), Shri Anil Rungta (Chairman, Rungta Group), Shri Nayan Sukhadwala (District Government Pleader), Shri Sanwarmal Budhia, Shri Kunj Bihari Pansari (Founder Trustee, Amrutam Foundation), Ms. Dimple Mishra (Emcee)



Knee Wear Equals Surgery? Think Again!

SGCCI organizes health awareness session on managing knee osteoarthritis without premature joint replacement at Lok Samarpan Centre

The onset of knee pain or cartilage degradation often triggers premature panic, prompting patients to rush directly into surgical operating theatres. However, orthopedic science confirms that disciplined weight management, targeted quadriceps strengthening, and clinical intervention can preserve natural knee architecture for decades, making surgical joint replacement the absolute last resort.

Underlining the fundamental correlation between industrial vitality and workforce wellness, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted an awareness session titled 'Knee Wear Means Joint Replacement: How True Is It?' at the Lok Samarpan Blood Donation Centre in Varachha. In an inspiring message, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala emphasized that the genuine success and enduring prosperity of any enterprise rest upon the robust health of its human capital. Amid relentless competitive industrial deadlines, neither corporate executives nor shop-floor workers can afford to compromise personal physical well-being. Proactive health literacy, disciplined lifestyles, and timely clinical evaluations reliably prevent unwarranted, aggressive surgical interventions. Shri Jirawala reiterated that SGCCI remains resolutely committed to elevating wellness across both industrial units and civic society.

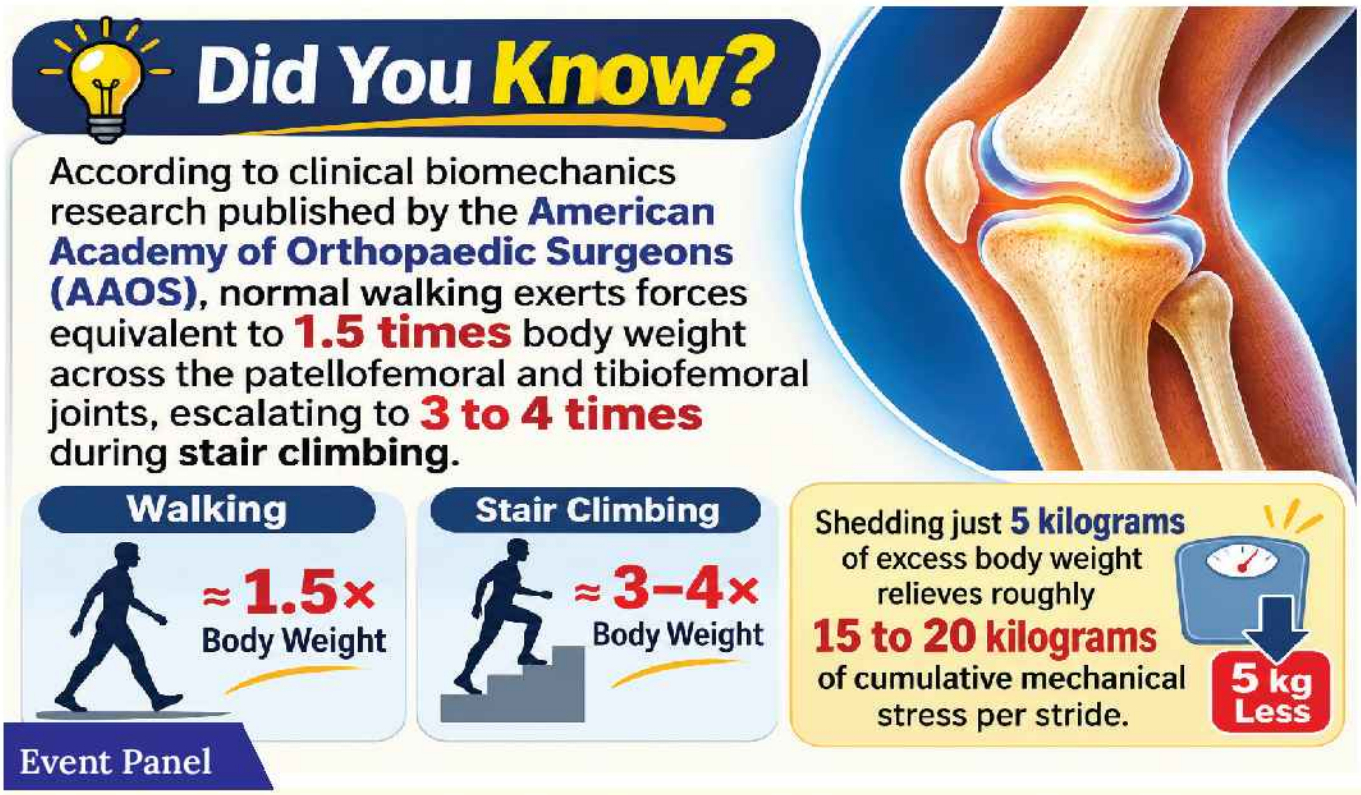
> "The genuine success and prosperity of any industry or enterprise fundamentally depends upon the robust health of its workforce.
> – Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI"





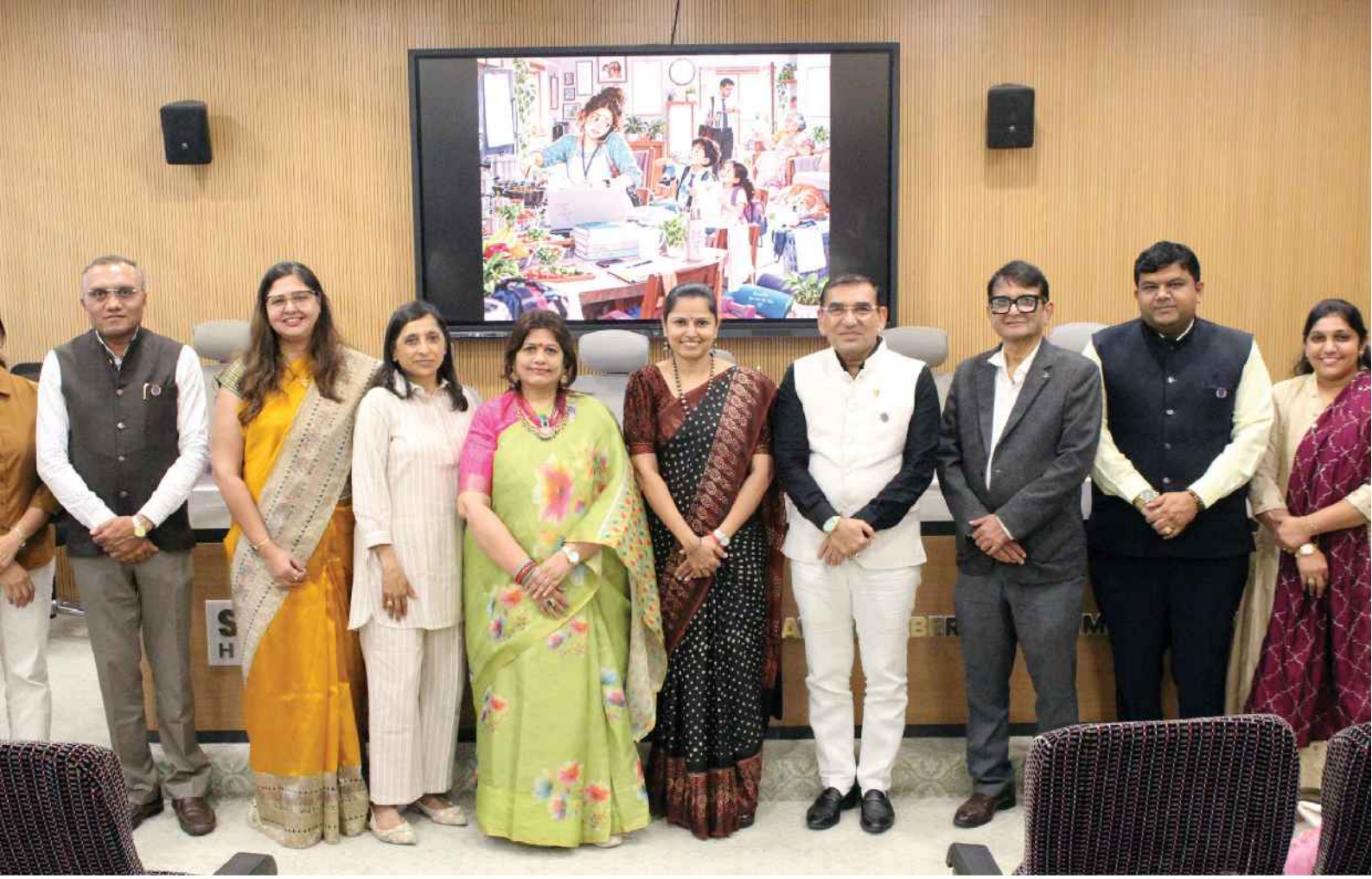
Leading orthopedic surgeon Dr. Bharat Sutariya dispelled pervasive medical myths, clarifying that joint wear does not necessitate immediate replacement surgery. While degenerative wear was historically diagnosed past age 60, sedentary work environments and metabolic imbalances have shifted the onset toward the 40 to 60 age demographic. He strictly advised patients aged 40 to 50 against rushing into Total Knee Replacement (TKR). An artificial joint carries a predictable lifespan of 20 to 22 years, whereas complex revision surgeries offer truncated operational longevity of merely 10 to 12 years alongside elevated complication risks.

Dr. Sutariya highlighted that thigh muscles act as natural shock absorbers for the lower body, urging systematic muscle conditioning alongside weight reduction. For early mechanical deviations, corrective procedures like High Tibial Osteotomy (HTO) or targeted Partial Knee Replacement preserve crucial native cruciate ligaments. Total replacement should remain reserved solely for end-stage degenerative joint damage.



Event Panel

- **Event:** Awareness Session – 'Knee Wear Means Joint Replacement: How True Is It?'
- **Date & Time:** Sunday, 13 September 2026, 10:30 AM
- **Venue:** Lok Samarpan Blood Donation Centre, Varachha, Surat
- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Bharat Sutariya (Orthopedic Surgeon)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary)
- **Special Appeal:** Shri Haribhai Kathiriya (President, Lok Samarpan Blood Donation Centre - Blood Donation for Thalassemia Patients)
- **Committee Coordination:** Shri Nikhil Vaghasiya (Chairman, Industrial Workers Health Committee), Shri Laljibhai Hirani (Co-Chairman, Industrial Workers Health Committee)



Yielding Ground to Win the Heart!

SGCCI Ladies Wing organizes interactive symposium at Sarsana decoding emotional intelligence and the art of nurturing resilient relationships

Healthy human bonds never endure on autopilot; they demand deliberate emotional investment, genuine dialogue, and generous patience. In a fast-paced urban lifestyle, placing compassion above personal ego and graciously accommodating loved ones during disagreements reflects profound emotional maturity and safeguards domestic harmony.

Underlining the fundamental correlation between peaceful familial environments and sustained entrepreneurial success, the Ladies Wing of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted an interactive workshop titled 'How to have S.M.A.R.T. Relationships' at the SPB Hall within the SIECC premises in Sarsana. In his inaugural address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored that personal contentment forms the indispensable bedrock of professional achievements. He articulated that relationships do not sustain themselves automatically; they require constant care, open communication, and sufficient time. Emotion must always supersede ego. When a relationship is built on sacred trust, deliberately stepping back and yielding in trivial debates is not





> **"Emotion must always transcend ego; in an authentic relationship, deliberately yielding in an argument is the ultimate triumph of wisdom."**
>
> **— Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI**

defeat—it is the supreme victory of love and wisdom.

Lead speaker Dr. Trupti Choudhary Patel emphasized that cultivating genuine relationships necessitates exiting the unconscious 'autopilot mode' of historical biases and cultivating structured self-awareness. She dissected 6 recurrent behavioral prototypes commonly observed in interpersonal dynamics: self-sacrificing People Pleasers, anxious Overthinkers, hasty Problem Solvers, dominating Controllers, communicative Avoiders, and volatile impulsive Reactors.

To resolve interpersonal frictions, she presented the transformative '5 A's' framework: proactively eliminating trivial bickering (Avoid), expressing genuine feelings with dignity and clarity (Assert), refining one's own conduct (Alter), harmonizing with mutual respect (Adjust), and wholeheartedly embracing inherent individual natures (Accept). The workshop integrated live, humorous role-play demonstrations capturing domestic vignettes across mothers-in-law, daughters-in-law, spouses, and parents, highlighting practical problem-solving. Smt. Alpaben Madrasi, Chairperson of the Ladies Wing, stressed the need to adapt relationship dynamics to contemporary realities through empathy and respect.

Event Panel

- **Event:** Interactive Workshop – 'How to have S.M.A.R.T. Relationships'
- **Date:** Thursday, 24 September 2026
- **Venue:** SPB Hall, Surat International Exhibition and Convention Centre (SIECC), Sarsana, Surat
- **Organized By:** SGCCI Ladies Wing
- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Trupti Choudhary Patel (Psychiatrist, Relationship Expert & Social Entrepreneur)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Nikhil Madrasi (Immediate Past President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Ladies Wing Coordination:** Smt. Alpaben Madrasi (Chairperson), Smt. Roma Patel (Advisor), Smt. Damyanti Vanawala (Secretary), Smt. Smitaben Jariwala (Speaker Introduction), Smt. Parul Patel (Vote of Thanks)

Did You Know?

Conducted continuously across 85 years, the landmark 'Harvard Study of Adult Development'—the longest longitudinal study on human well-being—concluded that the single greatest predictor of longevity, physical health, and lifelong happiness is not wealth or professional prestige, but the depth and warmth of one's interpersonal relationships.

Safe Workforce, Resilient Enterprise

SGCCI organizes dedicated masterclass at Sarsana decoding the legal nuances and statutory mandates of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code



Within industrial shop floors, an unchecked operational oversight can trigger severe legal liabilities and crippling financial disruption. In the modern manufacturing landscape, industrial safety and workplace welfare have advanced beyond statutory compliance rituals, anchoring themselves as an indispensable ethical prerequisite for sustained productivity.

Convened at the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) brought together factory owners and HR executives for an analytical masterclass addressing the newly implemented 'Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code and Rules' (OSH Code). Emphasizing compassionate industrial leadership in his address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala characterized workers as the primary asset of any enterprise. He underlined that adhering strictly to the OSH framework is not merely a bureaucratic checkbox for manufacturers, but a core humanitarian and ethical responsibility. Safe and dignified shop floors directly bolster workforce morale and operational efficiency. Industries across Surat and South Gujarat remain steadfastly committed to prioritizing industrial health infrastructure.

Furnishing regulatory clarity, Shri L. K. Dungrani, retired Deputy Director of the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health, cautioned that minor factory hazards can rapidly escalate into fatal contingencies. Systematic risk assessment, rigorous shop-floor mock drills, and uncompromised compliance remain essential

> "Adhering to the Occupational Safety and Working Conditions Code is not merely a statutory formality, but a core humanitarian and ethical duty."
>
> – Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI





safeguards. He emphasized a vital compliance statutory update: the new code mandates employers to conduct periodic medical examinations by certified medical practitioners for all industrial workers above 45 years of age, maintaining formal institutional health records.

Advocate and seasoned labor consultant Shri Ashok Mahant unraveled the technical requirements of industrial licensing, urging manufacturers to embed safety specifications directly into initial plant layouts. This proactive design philosophy eliminates retrofitting bottlenecks during statutory approvals. Challenging young professionals, he noted that continuous reskilling and adaptive perseverance are paramount to breaking systemic economic barriers.



Event Panel:

- **Event:** Masterclass – Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code and Rules (OSH Code)
- **Date:** 11 September 2026
- **Venue:** Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **Keynote Speakers:** Shri L. K. Dungrani (Retd. Deputy Director, Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health), Shri Ashok Mahant (Advocate & Labor Management Consultant)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Committee Leadership:** Shri Chetan Chodvadiya (Chairman, Industrial Safety & Security Committee)



Airport Elegance on Rail Tracks!

Amid continuous locomotive movements and thousands of bustling commuters, an extraordinary engineering transformation is rapidly taking shape across South Gujarat. Rebuilding after a hiatus of 75 years, the historic Surat Railway Station is transitioning from a traditional junction into a multi-modal transit powerhouse equipped with airport-grade comforts and architectural grandeur.

Initiating the inaugural episode of the 'Surat Mega Project Series' organized by The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) at the SPB Hall in Sarsana, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated the inspiring trajectory of Surat's urban journey. He underscored that Surat leads the country across sanitation, synthetic textiles, diamond manufacturing, and economic resilience. A great metropolis is never merely an inert collection of brick, iron, or concrete; it breathes through the daring courage, innovative thinking, and ambitious vision of its citizens. As infrastructure expansion accelerates, this redeveloped railway terminal will emerge as an architectural landmark, adding a glorious milestone to Surat's international stature.



Lead Architect Shri Gurpreet S. Shah presented the design blueprint, noting that redeveloping Surat Station represents a much more formidable engineering challenge than Ahmedabad due to the operational complexity of executing massive civil construction without disrupting dense commuter and freight

Lead Architect Gurpreet S. Shah unveils the futuristic design of the new Surat Railway Station during SGCCI's 'Surat Mega Project Series'



"A city is never merely an inert collection of brick, iron, or concrete; it breathes through the daring courage, innovative thinking, and vibrant vision of its citizens."

- Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI



traffic. Spanning an expansive 3.42 lakh square meters (nearly 40 lakh square feet), the project mirrors contemporary airport layouts by institutionalizing completely segregated arrival and departure concourses. The terminal's peak-hour handling threshold will expand from the existing 11,000 commuters to 40,000 passengers simultaneously. To eliminate platform congestion, boarding passengers will be granted platform access just 45 minutes prior to scheduled train departures.

Establishing inter-modal integration, a massive G+4 concourse will directly bridge the Eastern and Western city gates with the neighboring GSRTC bus terminal. Commuters will benefit from multi-level parking facilities accommodating nearly 2,400 four-wheelers. To optimize land footprint, 8 broad-gauge platforms are arranged in a functional 4+2+2 operational matrix. High-performance glass facades will harness natural daylighting alongside ambient climate control and barrier-free access for disabled passengers. Backed by SCADA, integrated building management systems, and airport-grade baggage scanning, the surrounding 80-acre precinct is slated for extensive commercial hubs and civic amenities.



Event Panel

- **Event:** Surat Mega Project Series (Episode 1)
- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, 9 September 2026, 06:00 PM
- **Venue:** SPB Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **Keynote Speaker:** Shri Gurpreet S. Shah (Chief Architect, Surat Railway Station Redevelopment Project)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Partner Institutions & Moderation:** Shri Sanjay Punjabi (Group Chairman - Overview), Shri Nilkanth Burkhawala (Secretary, IIA - Speaker Introduction), Smt. Krutika Shah (Co-Chairperson, Architects, Engineers & Urban Planners Committee - Anchoring), Shri Pinak Desai (President, ICEA - Vote of Thanks)

NRI Matrimony: Verify Before Vows



SGCCI and Non-Resident Gujarati Foundation organize 'NRI Marriage Awareness Seminar' at P.P. Savani University

The allure of overseas residency and perceived social elevation often blinds families into bypassing rigorous background verification. Upon landing on foreign shores, unfamiliar international legal frameworks, communication barriers, and an absence of immediate social safety nets frequently turn marital dreams into complex diplomatic and legal dilemmas for young Indian women.

Underlining the urgent imperative for proactive family literacy, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), the Non-Resident Gujarati (NRG) Foundation (Gandhinagar), and the Chamber's NRG Centre jointly organized an extensive 'NRI Marriage Awareness Seminar' at P.P. Savani University in Mangrol. Conveying a pivotal message, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored the importance of balanced judgment. He remarked that in an interconnected global era, relocating overseas or tying nuptial knots with NRI families is entirely natural; however, families frequently neglect basic background verification due to the superficial glamour of overseas lifestyles. Trust remains the cornerstone of every marriage, but it must be paired with complete legal, financial, and social awareness.

Lead speaker and Supreme Court Advocate Ms. Priti Joshi addressed the students directly, cautioning that a rise in overseas immigration has triggered a parallel, concerning spike in cross-border matrimonial disputes. These unions are governed not merely by Indian family law, but by complex foreign and international private

> "Trust is essential in relationships, but navigating overseas alliances demands equal vigilance regarding legal and social realities."
>
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI







laws. Navigating an alien legal system without institutional safety nets poses acute hazards. She advised against placing blind reliance on marriage bureaus or unlicensed brokers, insisting on rigorous verification of overseas residential status, employment records, divorce decrees (if applicable), and specific visa classes to determine whether spousal residency rights are legally permitted.

Shri Chaitanya Sanghani, Mamlatdar representing the NRG Foundation Gandhinagar, highlighted government dispute-mitigation services accessible via the Surat NRG Centre. Dr. Bindesh Patel, Deputy Registrar of P.P. Savani University, elaborated on the institution's youth development initiatives.



Event Panel

- **Event:** NRI Marriage Awareness Seminar
- **Date:** 4 September 2026
- **Venue:** P.P. Savani University, Mangrol, Surat
- **Joint Organizers:** SGCCI, Non-Resident Gujarati Foundation (Gandhinagar), Surat NRG Centre
- **Keynote Speaker:** Advocate Priti Joshi (Supreme Court of India, Member - Bar Council of Gujarat)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary)
- **Institutional Representatives:** Shri Chaitanya Sanghani (Mamlatdar, NRG Foundation), Dr. Bindesh Patel (Deputy Registrar, P.P. Savani University)
- **Surat NRG Centre Leadership:** Shri Kalpesh Lathiya (Chairman), Shri Chetan Sheth (Co-Chairman), Shri Shailesh Sudani (Co-Chairman)



Rising Weight, Compounding Risk!

SGCCI hosts health seminar titled 'Obesity Treatments: One Size Does Not Fit All' at Samruddhi Building in Nanpura

Sedentary desk routines and processed dietary patterns have pushed approximately 30 percent of urban India into the grips of chronic obesity. Far from being a cosmetic concern, clinical obesity serves as the primary trigger for debilitating comorbidities including cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes, and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, demanding personalized, evidence-based clinical interventions.

Underlining the indissoluble link between executive vitality and corporate productivity, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted a specialized awareness seminar titled 'Obesity Treatments: One Size Does Not Fit All' at the Samruddhi Building in Nanpura. In an inspiring message, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala urged entrepreneurs to safeguard their physical health amid demanding business cycles. He remarked that within intense commercial competition, industrialists and professionals become so preoccupied with bottom-line targets that they neglect physical health. Invoking the national Fit India vision, he asserted that only a physically sound entrepreneur can establish an enduring industry and power a resilient economy. Obesity degrades both functional productivity and lifespan. SGCCI remains resolutely committed to organizing frequent health sessions to cultivate proactive medical awareness across its industrial membership and the workforce.

Addressing the assembly, renowned Senior Gastro and Bariatric Surgeon Dr. Ram Rakshpal Rajput stated that urban obesity prevalence is escalating rapidly, with nearly 30 percent of

> "Only a healthy, energetic entrepreneur can build an enduring industry and power a resilient economy; obesity is a silent crisis that erodes both productivity and lifespan."
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

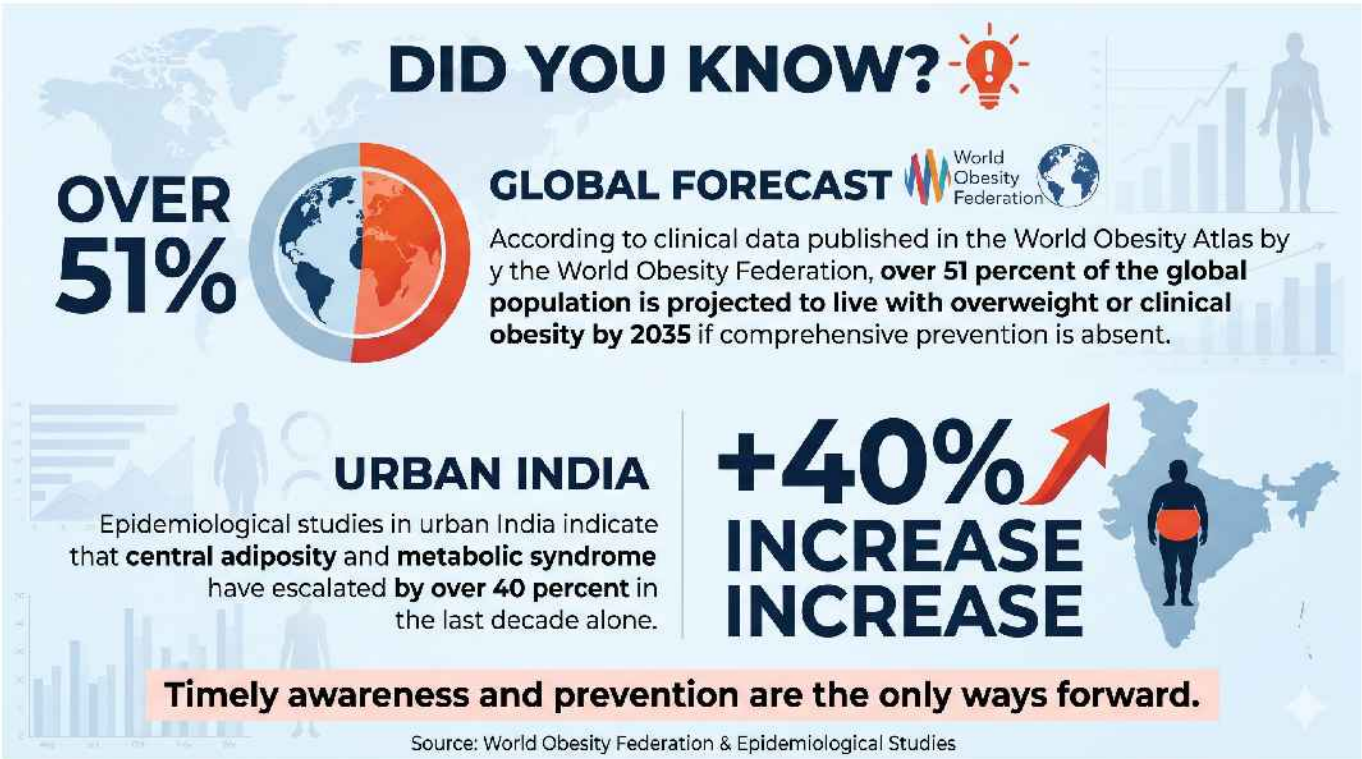
city residents affected. Obesity undermines vital organ systems, dramatically multiplying the risks of type-2 diabetes, hypertension, obstructive sleep apnea, degenerative osteoarthritis, fatty liver, and female reproductive disorders such as PCOS and infertility. Emphasizing individual variability in BMI, metabolic health, and physiological profile, Dr. Rajput outlined a structured clinical paradigm: foundational lifestyle interventions (caloric regulation and structured cardio-weight training), physician-supervised pharmacotherapy (utilizing contemporary GLP-1 receptor agonists like Semaglutide or Tirzepatide, strictly avoiding self-medication), and laparoscopic bariatric surgery (such as sleeve gastrectomy or gastric bypass) for morbidly obese patients with a BMI exceeding 40.



Dispelling widespread confusion, Dr. Rajput clarified that bariatric surgery recalibrates gastric capacity and neuro-hormonal satiety pathways without suctioning physical fat. Conversely, liposuction functions purely as a cosmetic body-contouring procedure, offering no therapeutic resolution for underlying metabolic disorders or clinical obesity.

Event Panel

- **Event:** Seminar – 'Obesity Treatments: One Size Does Not Fit All'
- **Date & Time:** Sunday, 27 September 2026, 10:30 AM
- **Venue:** 'Samruddhi' Building, Nanpura, Surat
- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Ram Rakshpal Rajput (Senior Gastro & Bariatric Surgeon)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- Organizing Committee: Dr. Jagdish Vaghasiya (Chairman, Public Health Committee), Dr. Rajan Desai (Co-Chairman, Public Health Committee), Dr. Nikhil Vaghasiya (Chairman, Industrial Workers Health Committee)





Collaboration Over Cutthroat Rivalry

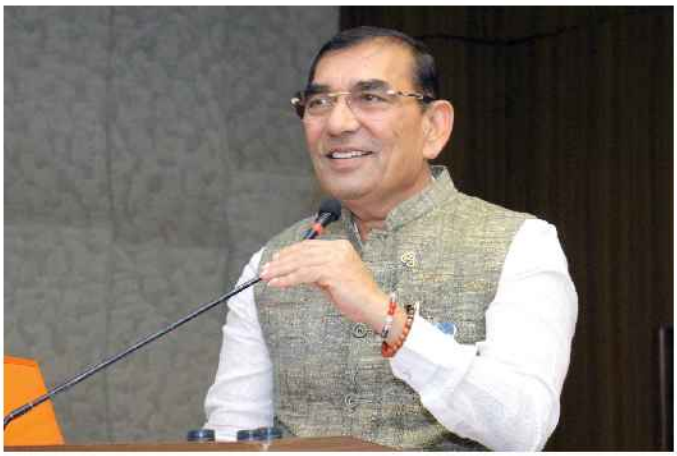
Former Tata Sons Director R. Gopalakrishnan decodes corporate longevity through the 3I formula at SGCCI Signature Club seminar

True corporate champions do not merely ride existing market currents; they actively reshape them using audacious imagination and breakthrough execution. Moving beyond solitary operational isolation, enduring enterprise dominance springs from structured collaboration, deep intuition, and relentless organizational reinvention.

Convened at The Amore hotel on Dumas Road, the Signature Club of The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) brought together prominent industrialists for a high-impact leadership seminar titled 'Role of Imagination and Innovation in Business Growth'. Setting an inspiring context in his opening address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala challenged business leaders to craft their own corporate destiny. He remarked that commercial victors are not those who passively float along the tide, but those endowed with visionary imagination and ingenuity capable of redirecting the entire river. Rather than waiting passively to observe what the future brings, entrepreneurs must actively forge it through original thinking, long-term foresight, and bold operational decisions.

Keynote speaker and former Director of Tata Sons Shri R. Gopalakrishnan—who also served as Vice Chairman of Hindustan Unilever and Chairman of Unilever Arabia—shared extensive leadership lessons. He observed that humanity is inherently social; no single individual commands a monopoly on creativity. Enduring modern businesses scale not through destructive price wars, but through purposeful alliances and collaborative synergy. Leaders who acknowledge their shortcomings and remain perpetual students consistently win across shifting market landscapes.

Unveiling the foundational '3I' framework—Intuition, Innovation, and Imagination—he highlighted that imagination empowers entrepreneurs to anticipate latent customer needs, whereas innovation translates those abstract insights into commercially viable solutions. Modernizing product lines, upgrading production technologies, and refining operational workflows remain imperative to consolidating competitive moats. Bombay Industry Association President Dr. Rajesh Doshi shared perspectives, while Signature Club Premium Member Shri Pradeep Singhi briefed attendees on the forum's strategic roadmap.





> "Victors in business are not those who merely drift with the current, but those possessing the imagination and ingenuity to redirect the entire tide."
>
> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

DID YOU KNOW?

Corporate governance research published by the Harvard Business Review reveals that enterprises adopting systematic cross-industry collaboration and 'open innovation' frameworks commercialize novel products twice as fast as organizations relying strictly on internal R&D capabilities, driving significantly higher shareholder value.

Event Panel

- **Event:** Seminar – 'Role of Imagination and Innovation in Business Growth'
- **Date & Time:** Thursday, 17 September 2026, 06:30 PM
- **Venue:** Hotel 'The Amore', Dumas Road, Surat
- **Organized By:** SGCCI Signature Club
- **Keynote Speaker:** Shri R. Gopalakrishnan (Former Director - Tata Sons, Former Vice Chairman - HUL)
- **Special Dignitary:** Dr. Rajesh Doshi (President, Bombay Industry Association)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Ravi Raj Desai (Vice President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary)
- **Club Leadership & Coordination:** Shri Krunal Mehta (Chairman, Signature Club), Shri Pradeep Singhi (Premium Member), CA (Dr.) Pragnesh Jagaseth (Gold Member)

Small Ideas, Massive Empires!

SGCCI and i-Hub Gujarat host 'Startup Demo Day 2.0' at Sarsana, connecting early-stage innovators with market capital and mentorship

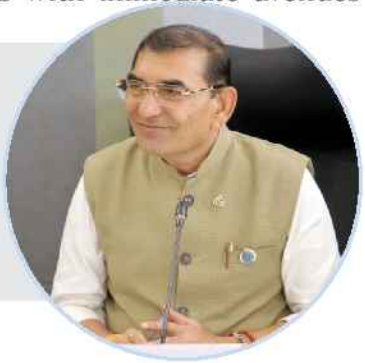


When an original concept meets relentless entrepreneurial perseverance and experienced industrial mentorship, substantial technological transformation follows. Moving beyond conventional commerce, Surat's emerging startup corridor gained decisive momentum as emerging founders pitched scalable solutions directly before seasoned industrialists and institutional investors.

Jointly organized by The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and i-Hub Gujarat, 'SGCCI Startup Demo Day 2.0' was convened at the Mehta Hall within the Sanhati Complex in Sarsana. Inspiring the cohort of young founders during his inaugural address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala remarked that every formidable corporate empire traces its origins to a modest, focused thought. Genuine power resides in visionary thinking; founders must banish the fear of initial stumbling blocks, anchor faith in their core value proposition, and persist untiringly to convert abstract concepts into viable reality. He reaffirmed that SGCCI remains fully committed to nurturing next-generation technological talent.

Shri Jirawala emphasized that bridging the traditional gulf between legacy manufacturing assets and contemporary digital incubation is an urgent economic imperative. Specialized demo days provide founders with immediate avenues

"Every great business begins with a humble idea; banish the fear of failure, trust your vision, and work tirelessly to sculpt dreams into reality."
- Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI



Did You Know?

India represents the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, housing over 120,000 officially recognized entities. According to institutional data from Startup India and DPIIT, non-metro and Tier-2/Tier-3 regional centers now generate over 45% of recognized startups, with enterprise SaaS, deep-tech, and AI solutions demonstrating the fastest annual compound growth.



to validate unit economics, secure enterprise distribution channels, and access strategic seed-stage equity.

The highlight of the conclave was a pressurized 90-minute pitching sprint featuring 6 curated tech startups spanning diverse domains:

- **Maieutic Edutech (Bengaluru):** Founded by Ravishankar B., delivering adaptive LMS infrastructure and digital learning solutions.
- **AdKrity (Surat):** Led by Denish Patel, specializing in AI-driven programmatic advertising, behavioral targeting, and automated campaign yields.
- **DigiTathya (Mumbai):** Spearheaded by Nisarg Panchal, engineering digital traceability, anti-counterfeiting verification, and supply-chain authentication.
- **PingsMeApp (Surat):** Architected by Palak Kanani, offering enterprise SaaS infrastructure for real-time uptime monitoring and incident communication.
- **Anantkaal (Surat):** Founded by Vedik Dave, building advanced AI, IoT, and embedded automation architectures.
- **Career. GOVT Future (Bharuch):** Engineered by Harsh Patel, bridging career intelligence and public sector employment roadmaps for students.

Dr. Darshan Mehta, OSD at i-Hub Gujarat's Surat Regional Centre, presented actionable blueprints on public funding channels under the 'Srujan Scheme: SEED Grant'.

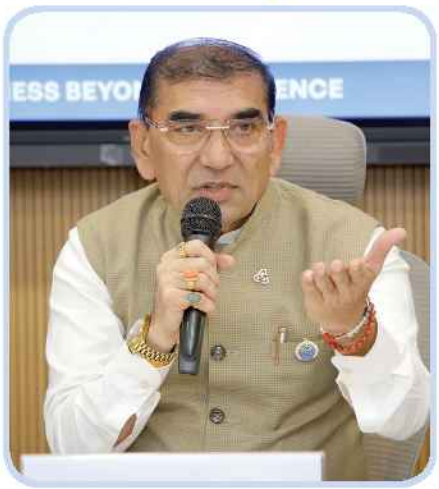
Event Panel

- **Event:** SGCCI Startup Demo Day 2.0
- **Date & Time:** Saturday, 19 September 2026, 04:30 PM
- **Venue:** Mehta Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **Joint Organizers:** SGCCI & i-Hub Gujarat
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Committee Executives:** Shri Naman Sarawagi (Chairman, Startup & Innovation Committee), Shri Anil Sarawagi (Group Chairman), Shri Punit Gajera (Group Chairman)
- **Institutional Keynote:** Dr. Darshan Mehta (OSD, i-Hub Surat Regional Centre – Srujan Scheme)



One Click, System Compromised

SGCCI organizes 'Stay Cyber Safe' awareness session and live hacking demonstration at Sanhati Complex in Sarsana







> "Cyber security is not confined to the IT department or technical personnel; it fundamentally depends on the alert mindset of every individual across the enterprise."
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

In today's hyper-connected enterprise architecture, digital syndicates exploit human urgency, misplaced trust, and hasty clicks far more effectively than technical firewalls. Moving beyond the perimeter of IT departments, institutional cyber hygiene now functions as a collective operational duty shared by every corporate professional and citizen.

Underlining the critical need for proactive digital resilience across regional commerce, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted an intensive workshop titled 'Stay Cyber Safe: Live Demo on Phishing and Smishing Attacks' at the SPB



Hall in Sarsana. In his inaugural address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala characterized comprehensive data protection as a collective organizational responsibility. He observed that as the methods of digital crime evolve continuously, baseline security literacy cannot remain confined to technical server administrators alone; it must be embedded across all personnel tiers. Vigilance, deliberate caution, and timely verification of unverified links remain the most reliable line of defense against devastating financial intrusions.

Keynote speaker and Cyber Security Head Shri Bhaumik Trivedi broke down the operational mechanics of social engineering, phishing (email spoofing), smishing (SMS fraud), vishing (telephonic voice deception), and spyware keyloggers. He noted that cyber adversaries systematically weaponize psychological impulses rather than system bugs, urging manufacturing and mercantile enterprises to institutionalize automated offline data backups while providing recurrent cyber training to personnel.

Translating theory into frontline reality, Senior Cyber Security Expert Shri Jay Padhiyar executed live attack simulations. The demonstration exposed how keyloggers capture sensitive passwords invisibly, cloned social and net-banking portals harvests credentials, ransomware locks corporate directories, and deceptive emails grant total administrative access to remote hackers. Concluding the session, experts urged the adoption of the 'Stop, Think, Verify & Report' protocol, strictly advising against sharing sensitive credentials over unverified channels.

Event Panel

- **Event:** Workshop & Live Demo – 'Stay Cyber Safe: Live Demo on Phishing and Smishing Attacks'
- **Date & Time:** Saturday, 19 September 2026, 05:30 PM
- **Venue:** SPB Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **Lead Experts:** Shri Bhaumik Trivedi (Cyber Security Head), Shri Jay Padhiyar (Senior Cyber Security Expert)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer)
- **Session Coordination:** Shri Mayank Dalal (Group Chairman), Shri Kuntesh Radadiya (Anchoring, Co-Chairman - Industry 4.0 Committee), Shri Pradeep Shah (Vote of Thanks, Managing Committee Member)

Prudent Compliance: The Bedrock of Enterprise Value

Eminent CA practitioners decode Presumptive Taxation, Section 44AD shelters, and cross-border NRI residency parameters at SGCCI's dedicated tax conclave



In an increasingly monitored regulatory landscape, rapid top-line business expansion must be fortified with disciplined fiscal governance and structured tax compliance. Moving beyond reactive accounting, forward-looking entrepreneurs gathered to analyze presumptive taxation advantages, audit exemptions, and changing cross-border residential liabilities to future-proof their enterprises.

Underlining the vital nexus between business growth and rigorous statutory adherence, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) conducted a specialized knowledge seminar titled 'Tax Strategy for Business Owners: Maximizing Compliance' at Sanhati Hall, SIECC Campus, Sarsana. The symposium drew a strong delegation of industrialists, trading houses, corporate executives, and practicing chartered accountants for an analytical deep-dive led by keynote experts CA (Dr.) Pragnesh Jagaseth and CA Monark Padmani.

Delivering the presidential address, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored that meticulous tax architecture forms the true benchmark of dynamic corporate leadership. He asserted that in modern commerce, expanding turnover is essential, but cementing a compliant, agile tax roadmap is equally indispensable. Steering an enterprise through transparent, legally watertight, and friction-free compliance structures represents the defining trait of an enlightened business leader.

Keynote expert CA (Dr.) Pragnesh Jagaseth stressed the fundamental utility of filing regular Income Tax Returns (ITR), noting that an established return trail dramatically eases institutional bank credit lines, facilitates international travel visas, and streamlines pending TDS/TCS refund disbursements. Deconstructing the presumptive taxation framework under Sections 44AD, 44ADA, and 44AE, he elaborated how declaring statutory deemed profits shields MSMEs and professionals from the administrative overhead of maintaining elaborate accounts books and undergoing mandatory tax audits. He also provided pragmatic

Did You Know?

Under Section 44AD of the Income Tax Act, small businesses receiving 95% or more of their gross turnover via digital modes benefit from an elevated threshold of Rs. 3 Crore (up from s. 2 Crore), allowing eligible taxpayers to declare presumptive income at a concessional rate of 6% rather than 8%, while avoiding statutory book audits.







> **"Expanding business turnover is essential, but cementing a compliant, agile tax roadmap is equally indispensable; keeping enterprises free from regulatory friction reflects true corporate leadership."**
>
> **- Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI**

guidance on drafting defensible responses to department scrutiny notices and summons.

Technical speaker CA Monark Padmani alerted attendees against deferred record-keeping, emphasizing the evolving mechanics of NRI residency determination. While physical presence in India exceeding 182 days triggers resident status, Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) or Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) with Indian-sourced taxable income (excluding foreign income) surpassing Rs. 15 Lakh trigger resident classifications within a contracted 120-day stay window—provided aggregate physical presence across the 4 preceding financial years equals 365 days—significantly impacting global tax exposure. SGCCI Vice President Ravi Raj Desai, Honorary Secretary Paresh Lathiya, and senior committee members actively coordinated the proceedings.

Event Panel

- **Conclave:** Tax Strategy for Business Owners: Maximizing Compliance
- **Venue:** Sanhati Hall, SIECC Campus, Sarsana, Surat
- **Organized By:** The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI)
- **Resource Dignitaries:** CA (Dr.) Pragnesh Jagaseth, CA Monark Padmani
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Ravi Raj Desai (Vice President), Shri Paresh Lathiya (Honorary Secretary)
- **Finance & Audit Committee:** CA Sanjeev Tamakuwala (Group Chairman), CA Harivadan Rana (Chairman), CA Kishore Gheewala (Advisor), CA Prashant Vekariya (Co-Chairman), CA Dilip Gehlot (Managing Committee Member, Surat CA Branch)
- **Key Topics:** Section 44AD/44ADA Presumptive Limits, Documentation Governance, NRI 120-Day vs. 182-Day Residency Rules



Surat's Textile Fraternity Unites Over Input Parity

SGCCI convenes strategic consultative conclave with regional textile associations to address crude-yarn pricing disparities, power hikes, and labor compliance

Confronted by volatile synthetic raw material benchmarks, escalating power purchase adjustments, and unscheduled feeder disruptions, South Gujarat's textile manufacturing ecosystem is grappling with mounting operational friction. As the nation's second-largest employment engine after agriculture, industry stakeholders gathered under the SGCCI banner to forge a unified representation before state and central regulators.

Underlining the fundamental need to insulate regional manufacturing from systemic cost shocks, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) hosted a comprehensive stakeholder consultation with heads of various textile associations at its Sarsana office. Setting the strategic context during his welcome address, SGCCI President

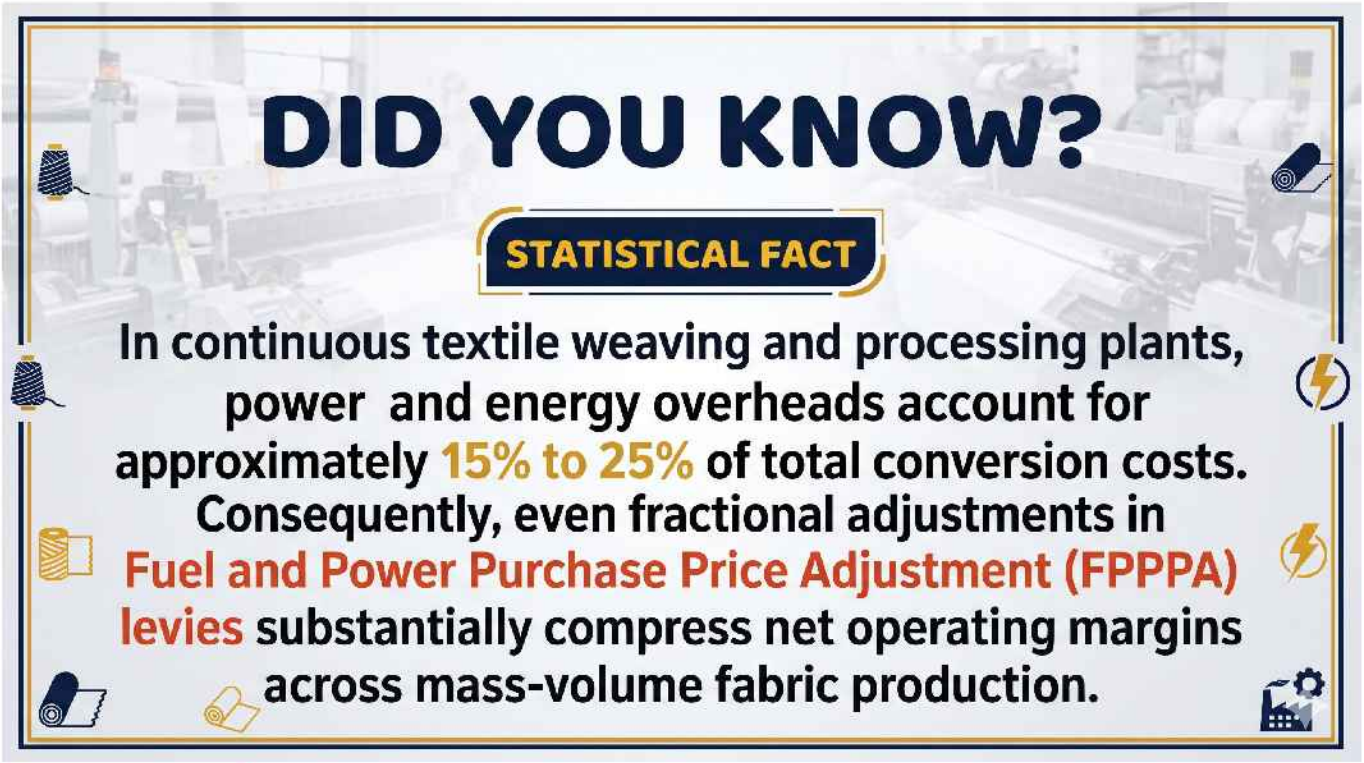
> Beyond agriculture, MSMEs generate the highest employment; safeguarding operational competitiveness amid volatile raw material and power costs is imperative."
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> - Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI



Shri Ashok Jirawala underscored that MSMEs represent the primary job-creation powerhouse outside agriculture. In the current business climate, raw material volatility, climbing industrial utility tariffs, evolving labor codes, and stringent compliance frameworks bear directly upon export resilience. Formulating a consolidated, evidence-based memorandum capturing shop-floor realities to present before policymakers is an urgent economic priority.

A major focus centered on the asymmetrical transmission of crude oil prices to polyester and synthetic yarn. Fabric manufacturers emphasized that while yarn prices jump instantaneously whenever international crude rallies, domestic synthetic spinners fail to pass on reciprocal tariff reductions when global crude retracts. Stakeholders insisted on immediate pricing parity.

On the utilities front, delegates expressed acute concern over the tariff revisions implemented since July 2026, which levied an FPPPA hike of Rs. 0.15 per unit alongside a 3.99% Variable FPPPA Charge. Compounding these overheads, frequent unscheduled outages enforced by DGVCL stall sophisticated weaving looms, multiplying fabric defects and idling workforce capacity. Deliberating on the evolving labor landscape, industrialists endorsed PF and ESIC statutory alignments, while underscoring practical hurdles such as workforce resistance to digital payrolls. Pragmatic measures including piece-rate remuneration structures, accountability mechanisms for operational negligence, and curbs on mobile phone distractions on shop floors were proposed to optimize floor-level productivity.



Event Panel

- **Conclave:** Strategic Consultation with Textile Industry Associations
- **Date:** 22 September 2026
- **Venue:** SGCCI Office, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Ravi Raj Desai (Vice President), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer), Shri Manish Kapadia (Chairman, All Exhibition)
- **Group Chairmen Present:** Shri Kiran Thummar, Shri Bijal Jariwala, Shri Bhavesh Tailor
- **Key Deliberations:** Crude-to-Yarn Price Asymmetry, Rs. 0.15 FPPPA Increase & 3.99% Variable Charge, DGVCL Grid Outages, Modern Labor Code Compliance (PF/ESIC)

Trade Credit Insurance: A Cushion Against Payment Defaults



> "Securing orders is meaningful only when payments are realized on time; Trade Credit Insurance mitigates default risks and gives traders the confidence to scale fearlessly."
>
> — Shri Ashok Jirawala, President, SGCCI

In mercantile trade, securing voluminous orders is only half the battle; collecting payments on time completes the commercial lifecycle. Confronted by protracted credit terms and sudden buyer insolvencies that paralyze operating liquidity, South Gujarat's textile corridor is turning toward structured Trade Credit Insurance as an indispensable balance-sheet safeguard.

Underlining the urgent imperative of financial risk management across the regional value chain, The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and Torin Wealth Management jointly organized an informative seminar titled 'Trade Credit Insurance' at the SPB Hall in Sarsana. Opening

SGCCI and Torin Wealth Management host specialized awareness session for textile traders on mitigating credit defaults through Trade Credit Insurance

the session, SGCCI President Shri Ashok Jirawala articulated the critical role of capital circulation. He noted that the textile sector represents the formidable economic backbone of our region. Selling merchandise or securing large-scale orders is only as successful as recovering receivables within agreed timeframes. Protracted credit cycles trap crucial working capital and substantially choke enterprise expansion. In this competitive landscape, Trade Credit Insurance mitigates non-payment perils, offering entrepreneurs the resilience and balance-sheet confidence needed to accelerate market penetration.

Chairman of Torin Wealth Management Shri Jignesh Madhvani and Business Partner Shri Satish Wankhede emphasized rigorous debtor assessment. They observed that business owners routinely insure factory premises, equipment, and inventories, yet overlook accounts receivable—frequently the largest and most vulnerable current asset on an enterprise balance sheet. Sound commercial success demands institutional protection against downstream default.

Elaborating on policy architectures, Ms. Twinkle Sangatramani, Trade Credit Underwriter at Tata AIG, demonstrated how credit insurance insulates unsecured open-account sales. In events of protracted default or formal buyer bankruptcy, the policy indemnifies up to 90% of certified losses. Furthermore, endorsing credit policies to commercial lenders lowers credit risk profiles, facilitating smoother working capital loans at competitive borrowing rates.

Did You Know?

Globally, more than 80% of cross-border commerce involves trade credit. While over 40% of enterprises across developed economies routinely insure accounts receivable against non-payment risks, domestic penetration in India stands at less than 3%, highlighting significant growth potential for working-capital risk transfer mechanisms.



Event Panel

- **Event:** Awareness Session – 'Trade Credit Insurance'
- **Date & Time:** Thursday, 10 September 2026, 11:00 AM
- **Venue:** SPB Hall, Sanhati Complex, Sarsana, Surat
- **Joint Organizers:** SGCCI & Torin Wealth Management
- **Keynote Experts:** Shri Jignesh Madhvani (Chairman, Torin Wealth Management), Shri Satish Wankhede (Business Partner, Torin Wealth Management), Ms. Twinkle Sangatramani (Trade Credit Underwriter, Tata AIG)
- **SGCCI Leadership:** Shri Ashok Jirawala (President), Shri Atul Patel (Honorary Treasurer - Anchoring & Vote of Thanks)
- **Session Overview:** Shri Tejas Patel (Member, SGCCI)

SGCCI in Headlines

સરસાણામાં 28મી સુધી ચાલનારા સીટેક્ષ એક્સપોનું ઉદ્ઘાટન, રાજ્યના વન અને પર્યાવરણ મંત્રી અર્જુન મોઢવડિયાનું સંબોધન

'છેલ્લાં 3 દાયકામાં થયેલા વિકાસથી સુરત એશિયાનું ગ્રોથ એન્જિન બન્યું, સેમિકન્ડક્ટર અને રિન્યુએબલ એનર્જીમાં વિપુલ તકો સર્જાશે'

બિઝનેસ રિપોર્ટર | સુરત

'સાહસિકતા, સમાવેશીતા અને સંશોધનના ત્રિવેણી સંગમ થકી કાપડ અને હીરા ઉદ્યોગમાં વિશ્વભરમાં ડંકો વગાડનારું સુરત હવે પરંપરાગત ઉત્પાદન વ્યવસ્થામાંથી બહાર નીકળીને હાઇટેક મલ્ટી-સેક્ટર ઇકોનોમી તરફ હરણફાળ ભરી રહ્યું છે. છેલ્લા 3 દાયકાના વિકાસે સુરતને એશિયાનું ગ્રોથ એન્જિન બનાવ્યું છે. આગામી દિવસોમાં સુરતમાં સેમિકન્ડક્ટર, ઇન્ફોર્મેશન ટેકનોલોજી, રિન્યુએબલ એનર્જી, સ્પેસ-ટેક અને શિપ બિલ્ડિંગ જેવા અદ્યતન ક્ષેત્રોમાં ઔદ્યોગિક વિકાસની વિપુલ તકો સર્જાશે.' ચેમ્બર દ્વારા 28મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી સરસાણા ખાતે 'સીટેક્ષ - એક્સ્પો-2026'નું આયોજન કરાયું છે, જેમાં ઉદ્ઘાટન સમારંભમાં આ વાત વન અને પર્યાવરણ મંત્રી અર્જુન મોઢવાડિયા કહ્યું હતું. ચેમ્બર પ્રમુખ અશોક જીરાવાલા, ઉપપ્રમુખ રવિ રાજ દેસાઈ સહિત હાજર રહ્યા હતા.



સુરત આજે દેશનું મલ્ટિપલ બિઝનેસ હબ બન્યું

વન-પર્યાવરણ મંત્રી અર્જુન મોઢવાડિયાએ કહ્યું હતું કે, 'છેલ્લાં 3 દાયકામાં સુરતે સાધેલા અભૂતપૂર્વ વિકાસે તેને એશિયા ખંડ માટે 'ગ્રોથ એન્જિન' તરીકે સ્થાપિત કર્યું છે. કાપડ ઉદ્યોગ દેશમાં કૃષિ પછી સૌથી વધુ રોજગારી આપતું ક્ષેત્ર છે, જેમાં સુરત મોખરે છે. આ સ્થિતિમાં વૈશ્વિક સ્પર્ધા સામે ટકી રહેવા માટે સ્થાનિક ઉત્પાદકોએ ફોરવર્ડ અને બેકવર્ડ ઇન્ટિગ્રેશન સાધીને મજબૂત વેલ્યુચેન આધારિત ઈકોસિસ્ટમનું નેતૃત્વ કરવું પડશે. ઉદ્યોગકારોને સમયની માગ પારખીને સસ્ટેનેબલ ડેવલપમેન્ટ (ટકાઉ વિકાસ) સાધવો જોઈએ. કાપડ અને કેમિકલ એ બંને એવા ઉદ્યોગો છે જે પ્રકૃતિના કુદરતી સ્રોતોનો સૌથી વધુ ઉપયોગ કરે છે.

Divya Bhaskar, 27 Sept.

ચીનનો સ્ટોક અને બન્કર ફ્યુઅલના ભાવ વધારાથી ઔદ્યોગિક કોલસોના ભાવ પર અસર

ઈન્ડોનેશિયાના નિયમોથી કોલસો મોંઘો

ચેમ્બર દ્વારા 'સુરતની આગામી આર્થિક ઉડાનને વેગ-ફ્યુઅલ ટુ ફેબ્રિક' પર પેનલ ડિસ્કશન યોજાયું



આ કારણસર ચીન કોલસાનો સ્ટોક કરી રહ્યું છે



ઇન્ડોનેશિયામાં કોલસાની નિકાસ માટેના નવા નિયમ

Gujarat Mitra, 18 Sept.

SITEX 2026 opens in Surat with over 100 exhibitors

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Surat's textile industry is turning the spotlight on technology as the 14th SITEX 2026 opened at the Sarsana Convention Centre. The three-day expo brings together more than 100 national and international exhibitors from over 150 cities.

Forest and Environment Minister Arjun Modhwadia inaugurated the exhibition. The event is organised by the Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and the Southern Gujarat Chamber Trade and Industries Development Centre.

The expo features the latest machines for textile production. These include water-jet, Jacquard, air-jet, spinning, weaving, processing, digital printing, knitting, embroidery and garment-making machines.



Thousands of traders and B2B buyers from textile centres across India are expected to visit the expo.

Speaking at the inauguration, Modhwadia said Surat has changed rapidly over the past two to three decades.

"Surat has emerged as a growth engine and a major business hub for Asia," Modhwadia said.

He said Surat has built a strong position through entrepreneurship, inclusivity and innovation. The city leads in textiles and diamonds. It is also seeing new opportunities in semiconductors, IT and renewable energy.

Free Press Journal, 27 Sept.

સુરત એરપોર્ટ પર કેરી-ચીકુ જેવી ચીજો માટે સેન્ટર ફોર પેરિશેબલ કાર્ગો સ્થાપવા કવાયત

(પ્રતિનિધિ દ્વારા)

સુરત, ગુરુવાર

સુરત સહિત દક્ષિણ ગુજરાતમાંથી પેરિશેબલ એટલે કે ઝડપથી બગડી જતી ચીજવસ્તુઓના ઝડપી, સુરક્ષીત અને અદ્યતન હવાઈ નિકાસ પરિવહન માટે સુરત ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એરપોર્ટ ખાતે સીપીસી (સેન્ટર ફોર પેરિશેબલ કાર્ગો) ની શરૂઆત માટે સર... સંહિતા ભવન ખાતે ધી સધર્ન ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓ... જીએઆઈસીએલ (ગુજરાત એગ્રો ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ કોર્પોરે... ના પ્રતિનિધિમંડળ મંડળની બેઠક મળી હતી.

ઝડપથી બગડી જતી વસ્તુઓના પરિવહન માટે આધુનિક કોલ્ડ ચેઈન, સ્પે... સ્ટોરેજ, હેન્ડલિંગ સુવિધાઓ માટે GAICL અને ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સની મં...

ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સના પ્રમુખ અશોક જીરાવાલાએ બેઠકમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે સુરત એરપોર્ટ માત્ર પેસેન્જ માટે નહીં પરંતુ એર કાર્ગો, લોજીસ્ટિક્સ હબ તરીકે પણ વિકસાવવું જોઈએ. એરપોર્ટ ઉપર કોલ્ડ ચેઈન, સ્પેશીયલાઈઝ સ્ટોરેજ અને હેન્ડલીંગ સુવિધા ઉપલબ્ધ થાય તો દેશ દુનિયામાં ટેક્સટાઈલ અને ડાયમંડ સિટી તરીકે ઓળખાતા સુરતની સાથે સમગ્ર દક્ષિણ ગુજરાત માટે એક મહત્વનું પ્લેટફોર્મ મળશે.

સુરત સહિત દક્ષિણ ગુજરાતમાં કૃષિ, બાગાયત અને મરીન પ્રોડક્ટ્સ ક્ષેત્રે પણ ભૌગોલિક અનૂકૂળતાની સાથે વિશાળ ઉત્પાદન ક્ષમતા ધરાવે છે.

વલસાડની હાફુસ કેરી ગુજરાત જ નહીં પરંતુ સમગ્ર વિશ્વમાં જાણીતી છે તેવી જ રીતે અમલસાડ અને બિલીમોરાના ચીકુ પ્રખ્યાત છે તથા સુરત, નવસારી અને ભરૂચના દરિયાકાંઠે એક્વાકલ્ચર-ઝીંગાની ગલ્ફની સાથે અમેરિકા, યુરોપ અને જાપાનમાં ભારે માંગ છે. જેથી સુરત ... ઉપર જો સીપીસીની શરૂઆત થાય તો ... કે અમદાવાદ એરપોર્ટ ગયા ... ગણતરીના કલાકોમાં સ્થાનિક ખેડૂતો ... વેપારીઓ રાષ્ટ્રીય અને આંતરરાષ્ટ્રી... માર્કેટમાં પહોંચી શકશે. બેઠકમા... જીએઆઈસીએલના ડિવીઝનલ મેનેજર વનરાજસિંહ વાઘેલા ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા અને ચેમ્બરની પહેલને આગળ વધારવા સહયોગની ખાતરી આપી હતી.

Gujarat Samachar, 11 Sept.

ટેક્સટાઇલ મશીનરીઓનાં એક્ઝિબિશનમાં ઉપસ્થિત આગેવાનોએ એક અવાજે હાકલ કરી

કાપડ ઉત્પાદન માટે આયાતી મશીનરી ઘટાડી મશીનરીનું સ્થાનિક ઉત્પાદન અનિવાર્ય



'સીટેક્ષ'ની 3 શ્રેણી યોજાશે; આગામી ૫ વર્ષમાં સુરતનું કાપડ ઉત્પાદન દૈનિક ૧૦ કરોડ મીટરે આંબશે: પ્રમુખ અશોક જીરાવાલા

Loksatta Jansatta, 27 Sept.

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SGCCI in Headlines

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सरसाना कन्वेंशन सेंटर स्थित प्लेटिनम हॉल में रविवार को द सदर्न गुजरात चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री (एसजीसीसीआई) और 'अमृतम फाउंडेशन' के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में हास्य कवि सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया। 'मदर मिल्क डोनेशन कैंपेन' (मां का दूध दान अभियान) के प्रति जनजागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए आयोजित कार्यक्रम में देश के कोने-कोने से आए प्रतिष्ठित कवियों ने अपनी ओजस्वी, व्यंग्यात्मक और सुरीली प्रस्तुतियों से दर्शकों का भरपूर मनोरंजन किया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान अमृतम फाउंडेशन के संस्थापक ट्रस्टी कुंज पंसारी ने 'ह्यूमन मिल्क बैंक' और स्मीमेर अस्पताल में पिछले 18 वर्षों से संचालित 'यशोदा मिल्क बैंक' की सेवाओं की जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि यह बैंक नवजात शिशुओं को मां का दूध उपलब्ध कराने का महत्वपूर्ण कार्य कर रहा है। समारोह में उपस्थित स्वास्थ्य राज्य मंत्री प्रफुल्लभाई पानसेरिया और जिला कलेक्टर तेजस परमार ने फाउंडेशन के इस मानवीय कार्य की सराहना की। संस्था जनसेवा के कार्यों से जुड़ी है।



ठहाकों से पूरा हॉल गूंज उठा

कवि सम्मेलन में डॉ. विष्णु सक्सेना (अलीगढ़) ने गीतों और गजलों से श्रोताओं को सम्मोहित किया, वहीं कविता तिवारी (लखनऊ) ने वीर रस की कविताओं से राष्ट्रवाद का संचार करते हुए सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल को काव्यांजलि दी। डॉ. तिश्याश्री (पटना) ने गीतों और गजलों से समां बांधा, चिराग जैन (नई दिल्ली) ने हास्य-व्यंग्य के प्रहारों से दर्शकों को लोटपोट किया और पार्थ नवीन (प्रतापगढ़) ने हास्य पैरोडियों के जरिए पूरे हॉल को ठहाकों से गुंजायमान कर दिया।



Dainik Bhaskar, 8 Sept.



मार्केटमां अटवाती उधारी अने पेमेन्ट डिफोल्ट सामे ट्रेड क्रेडिट ईन्श्योरन्स सुरक्षा कवच पूरुं पाडशे

Dhabkar, 13 Sept.



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Loktej, 27 Sept.



सूरत को टेक्सटाइल के साथ पूरी वैल्यू चेन और सस्टेनेबिलिटी का ग्लोबल हब बनना चाहिए : अर्जुनभाई मोढवाडिया

सीटेक्स-2026 का उद्घाटन, मंत्री ने प्रोजेक्ट से पानी, प्रेरे पर्यावरण संरक्षण पर दीर्घकालीन नीति बनाने का किया आह्वान, 2030 तक 70% पानी के पुन: उपयोग पर जोर

Divya Bhaskar, 8 Sept.

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एक्सपो में मशीन देखते उद्यमी

वन-टू-वन में कई ऑर्डर हुए फाइनल

बायर्स-विजिटर्स ने एक्सपो का दौर किया। तीन दिनों में कुल 23,500 से अधिक बायर्स-विजिटर्स पहुंचे। एक्सिबिटर्स के मुताबिक, वन-टू-वन मीटिंग में कई ऑर्डर फाइनल हुए और नई संभावना में नई इनक्वायरी मिलीं।

मेक इन इंडिया के साथ ग्लोबल टेक्नोलॉजी

चैंबर अध्यक्ष अनीष जोगाणी ने कहा कि इस एक्सपो का मुख्य एक्जिबिटर्स से अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया मिली है। देश के विभिन्न राज्यों से आए सदस्य व्यापारियों के सामने अत्याधुनिक मशीनरी का प्रदर्शन किया गया। मेक इन इंडिया के तहत निर्मित मशीनरी के साथ वैश्विक स्तर की तकनीक भी प्रदर्शित की गई। लोरेन्स टेक्नोलॉजी की मशीनरी और एप्लिकेशन इंजीनियर की टीम मिली व्यावसायिक इनक्वायरी के विश्लेषण के आधार पर आगले छह महीनों में टेक्सटाइल मशीनरी सेक्टर में 1,680 करोड़ से अधिक के बेसिक इन्वेस्टमेंट की प्रबल संभावना है।

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इस एक्सपो में देश के प्रमुख औद्योगिक केंद्रों से कारोबारी पहुंचे। अहमदाबाद, मुंबई, पुणे, कोल्हापुर, इचलकरंजी, नासिक, मालेगांव, औरंगाबाद, सोलापुर, भीलवाड़ा, इंदौर, वाराणसी, इटावा, गाजियाबाद, केंद्रों के प्रतिनिधियों ने एक्सपो का दौरा किया। तीन दिनों के कुल 23,500 से नई दिल्ली, अंबाला, बीकानेर, कोटा, गुजरात से सुरेन्द्रनगर, सिद्धपुर, जोधपुर, डूंगरपुर, प्रतापगढ़, अहमदाबाद, भावनगर, पाटन, अमरेली, भुज और कोलकाता, सिलचर, वलसाड, सेलाकुई, वीरपुर, महित अन्य जिलों से आए व्यापारियों ने भी मशीनरी अपग्रेडेशन में रुचि दिखाई।

सूरत के साथ पूरे दक्षिण गुजरात को फायदा

मशीनरी में संभावित निवेश का असर केवल मशीनरी खरीद तक सीमित नहीं रहेगा। नई मशीनरी लगने से टेक्सटाइल इकाइयों में उत्पादन लागत घटेगी, गुणवत्ता उच्चकोटि की बदलने और आधुनिक तकनीक अपनाने की गतिविधियां तेज हो सकती हैं। इसका लाभ सूरत से टेक्सटाइल यार्नहब के साथ महित गुजरात के जूट मशीनरी, हजीरा स्थित, स्पेयर पार्ट्स, इलेक्ट्रिकल, लॉजिस्टिक्स और अन्य सहायक उद्योगों को भी मिल सकता है। टेक्सटाइल उद्योग में नई तकनीक के इस्तेमाल से गुणवत्ता की गुणवत्ता, उत्पादन लागत और बाजार की मांग के अनुरूप उत्पादन में सुधार की संभावना है।

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