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Dear members,

Friends, we are now back on the growth track after the unexpected COVID pandemic, and now we are moving rapidly towards achieving the target of making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25, as envisioned by our Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The MSMEs will play a key role in achieving this target, due to various advantages such as lower investment requirement, greater flexibility which enables innovation and customization of products and a deeper reach into the local market. The MSME sector will therefore need to be further strengthened if we want to achieve this target successfully within the stipulated time.

There are certain inherent disadvantages of MSMEs also such as limited access to other domestic and global markets and limited availability of information. However, these issues can be minimized by encouraging MSMEs to effectively use online marketing tools and social media platforms to gain a wider market access which will help in business promotion and expansion. Similarly, use of Information Technology can help in ensuring a faster flow of relevant information.

The policy environment for the MSMEs will also play a critical role. The implementation of policies should be such that the MSMEs are protected well in their transactions with the large conglomerates. This will help the MSMEs become an integral part of larger value chains and thereby contribute more significantly to economic development.

GCCI is therefore making focused efforts in this direction and undertaking various initiatives this year to support the MSMEs in their growth path. In addition, several Helpdesks have also been started at GCCI where experts provide valuable guidance at no cost. GCCI is planning to conduct workshops, training sessions, lectures and seminars for the benefit of the MSMEs. This year, GCCI is also making efforts to connect to the smallest trade and industry member from the remotest part of Gujarat and add them in our membership, so that their issues can also be well-heard and attended. It is our aim to ensure that GCCI adequately and truly represents the interests of all the segments ranging from mega segment to the tiny segment and covers all trade and industry sectors, however small they may be.

I encourage all of you to actively participate in all our initiatives and take maximum benefit of these facilities to optimize your business.

Best wishes,

Ajay H. Patel

Sr. Vice President, GCCI

3RD AUGUST

INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH MS. ANITA SHUKLA, COUNSELLOR FROM EMBASSY OF INDIA, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Organized by : International Trade Task force

International Trade Task Force (ITTF) organized an interactive meeting with Ms. Anita Shukla, Counsellor from Embassy of India, Stockholm, Sweden. Ms. Shukla has been working for the last three years in Stockholm and represents India in Sweden & Latvia.

Ms. Shukla explained about the Swedish Companies in India and Indian Companies in Sweden. Sweden is a land of innovation and is a Welfare country. India - Sweden's bilateral relationship dates back since independence. This meeting was insightful.



3RD AUGUST

DEBATE ON "RUSSO- UKRANIAN WAR"

Organized by : Youth Wing

Youth wing organized an inter-house debate on theme of Russo-Ukrainian War for the members of the Youth wing on 3rd August, 2022 at GCCI. The debate was formally opened with welcome address by Co-Chairman, Shri Aditya Sharma. He made a brief presentation on the history and background of the Russia and Ukraine's relationships. The participants were

divided into four houses named as Team Russia, Team Ukraine, Team India and Team NATO.

The participants exhaustively spoke for and against the motion from both houses. Debate was moderated by well known RJ Shri Aseem Parikh. Shri Hemal Prajapati, Chairman Youth wing, concluded the debate with a vote of thanks.



7TH AUGUST

DONATION OF BICYCLES AND SCHOOLBAGS

Organized by : CSR Task Force

As part of the initiatives to celebrate 75 glorious years of India's independence and as a friendly gesture on Friendship Day, GCCI in association with

Atmavikas Trust donated 75 bicycles, schoolbags, notebooks, biscuits and tricolors to the needy school children of Palodia and neighbouring villages.



8TH AUGUST

VISIT TO CHAMBER BY STUDENTS OF APOLLO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The students of Apollo International School visited GCCI on 8th August, 2022. The purpose of this visit was to make students aware about trade and business. 28 students of grade 10th &

12th were accompanied by three teachers. After screening the Film of GCCI's introduction the students had an interactive meeting to learn various activities of the chamber.



8TH AUGUST

MOU WITH ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Organized by : International Trade Task force

GCCI has entered into an MoU with Election Commission of India, Gujarat to encourage citizens to Vote and celebrate the Celebration of Democracy.

MoU signed by Shri Pathik Patwari, President GCCI and Mrs. P Bharathi, IAS (C.E.O, Gujarat).



9TH AUGUST

TAKE OFF EVENT

Organized by : Business Women Committee

The "Take Off Event" of the Business Women Committee for the year 2022-23 of GCCI was organized in the presence Mrs. Geetaben Goradia, Chairperson, FICCI Gujarat State Council as Chief Guest. Business Women Committee Chairperson (2021-22) Smt. Kusum Kaul Vyass in her address, thanked fellow committee members and other members. Chairperson for the year

2022-23 Ms. Rutuja Patel highlighted the importance of hard work in achieving success. She also informed the participants about the Support Desk for Women which has been started at GCCI. This was followed by a performance on "Drum Circle" was given by Mr. Rujul Vora. Ms. Sachi Mehta and Ms. Kajal Patel will Co-chairperson and Joint Co-chairperson of the committee.



12TH AUGUST

INFORMATIVE MEETING TO GENERATE AWARENESS ABOUT INNOVATION AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE SECTORS

Organized by : Agriculture Committee

Agriculture Committee of GCCI organized an informative meeting with award winner, innovative farmer and machinery manufacturers to aware the members about innovation and modern technology available at present in

agriculture sector. Shri B.D. Pawar a National awardee, Shri Jagdish Pareek a Padmshree awardee and Shri Dharambir Kamboj a start-up were main speakers of the meeting.



13TH AUGUST

HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN FLAGGED OFF AT GCCI

Organized by : Youth Wing

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry has flagged off "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at GCCI. Campaign was launched by the Chairman

Youth wing of GCCI, Shri Hemal Prajapati under the able leadership of President GCCI, Shri Pathik Patwari. Members of the Youth wing participated in the launching programme.



14TH AUGUST

FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY

Organized by : Business Women Committee

Flag hoisting ceremony was held by the Business Women Committee of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry at GCCI as part of “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign under the Azadi ka Amrit

Mahotsav launched by Government of India on the second day of “Abhiyan”. Smt. Rutuja Patel, Chairperson, Business Women Committee hoisted the National Flag.



15TH AUGUST

FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry today on 15th August, 2022 celebrated the 76th Independence Day at GCCI premises Ahmedabad. As a part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, GCCI hoisted the National Flag from 13th August – 15th August.

The National Flag was hoisted by the DIG, The Central Bureau of Investigation, Smt. Supriya Patil Yadav, IPS and the President, GCCI, Shri Pathik

Patwari in august presence of renowned Gujarati folk singer Shri Yogeshdan Gadhvi, specially abled children from Suhag Trust, Rotaract Blind People Association, Manthan Trust and Karan Foundation of Ahmedabad; members of Executive Committee, members of various committees and taskforces of GCCI; and staff members.

Students from different NGOs performed in the programme on patriotic songs.



17TH AUGUST

PHYSICAL MEETING WITH D.G. OF INDO-GERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MUMBAI

Organized by : International Trade Task force

The International Trade Task Force (ITTF) organized an interactive meeting with Mr. Stefan Halusa, Director General from Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC), Mumbai. Mr. Halusa

was joined by his colleagues, Mr. Surjit Suri and Mr. Indras Ghosh. They gave us the details on the German Act on Corporate Due Diligence in Supply Chain. This meeting was insightful.



18TH AUGUST

MEETING WITH SHRI SURESH KOTAK, CHAIRMAN, COTTON COUNCIL

Organized by : Textile Task Force

Textile Taskforce held an interactive meeting with Shri Suresh Kotak, Chairman, Textile Advisory Group,

Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India to discuss the issue and probable solution for improving the cotton yield.



18TH AUGUST

MEETING WITH MS. RICHA GUPTA, IDAS, DY. SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TEXTILES, GOI

Organized by : Textile Task Force

Ms. Richa Gupta, IDAS, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, visited Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and had a meeting with

stakeholders of Textile Industry. Various points related to GST, ATUF scheme and Textile Policy Draft were discussed.



23RD AUGUST

VISIT TO AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION, ISKCON

Organized by : Youth Wing

Members of Youth Wing committee led by the Chairman Shri Hemal Prajapati visited Akshaya Patra Foundation at Iskcon, Bhadaj on 23-08-22. The temple authority showed facility right from raw materials to the final products such as Roti, Dal, Chawl, Vegetables and snacks. They also showed how this food is packed and discussed in details how

the same is distributed to various schools as mid-day meal. They informed the committee that at present nearly 2 lakhs food packets are delivered to the children and there are such 65 centres all over India catering to nearly 20 lakhs children. The aim to cover as many centres as possible to ensure that no child is deprived of education due to hunger.



26TH AUGUST

REGIONAL CHAMBERS' MEETING AT BHAVNAGAR

The second meeting of GCCI's Regional Chambers was held at Iskon Club Resort at Bhavnagar posted Saurashtra Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The meeting was well attended by most of the regional chambers' OBs as well as leading businessmen of Bhavnagar District. Shri Dilip Kamani, President,

SCCI welcomed all the members followed by representation of issues and concluded by Shri Pathik Patwari, President, GCCI. There were many issues discussed but to brief them it was decided that all the members should united to represent common issues to appropriate authorities.



26TH AUGUST

VISIT TO ARVIND LIMITED, SANTEJ

Organized by : Youth Wing

Members of Youth Wing visited Technical Textile unit of Arvind Limited located at Santej. It was a good exposure to the young entrepreneurs to visit the sunrise sector of the textile

segment. Quality interaction held between representatives of Arvind Ltd and members of the Youth wing regarding the machineries, industrial and technical fabrics.



29TH AUGUST

B2B MEETING – DELEGATION FROM HBCCIP – MAURITIUS

Organized by : International Trade Task force

A delegation from Mauritius led by Mr. Shardhanand Beharry, President of Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Professionals – HBCCIP, visited GCCI. The delegation consisted of 18 delegates from various sectors such as Agricultural products, IT& ITES services, Financial sector, Pharmaceuticals, Food Processing, Marine products and Construction and

Building materials. This delegation was the largest delegation from Mauritius to any country so far and the very first B2B meeting by Mauritius.

Mr. Pathik Patwari, President GCCI & Mr. Shardhanand Beeharry signed an MoU for joint co-operation in the areas of business promotion, information exchange, joint events, delegation exchange and trade inquiries.



Gujarat cos evaluate opportunities in J&K

GCCI Planning Trip To Jammu, Srinagar

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Ahmedabad: Gujarat-based companies have started evaluating investment opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir. A Gujarat CII delegation has gone for a four-day visit to Jammu and Srinagar and companies such as Symphony, HoF, Anupam Rasayan, Kutch Chemicals, Cadilla Pharma and Arunaya Organics have joined the delegation. Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) is also expected to lead a delegation to J&K in the coming months. According to sources, J&K government officials may also visit Gujarat in a month to invite industry players to visit. J&K government has announced 300% GST-linked incentives on the eligible value of actual investment. CII Gujarat chairman Anand Desai said, "Removal of Article 370 has crea-

ted new possibilities and stability for J&K. J&K is getting significant investment in food processing so we will see the possibilities in this sector. Pharma and packaging also have good opportunities in J&K. There are good incentives even for the information technology sector. We will also assess the availability of manpower and possibilities of providing them jobs in Gujarat." CII Gujarat former chairman Vinod Agrawal said, "Gujarat is the factory of India and we want to evaluate the possibilities of engineering and heavy machinery goods supply to J&K. We will understand policies such as land allotment, subsidies, supply chain and manpower availability and will make

Gujarat based companies aware of these factors. The central government is committed to the development of J&K so industry is also joining the task."

Dhruvin Patel, a member of the delegation said, "We will assess infrastructure development projects of J&K. Apart from tourism, J&K has a strong base in horticulture and food processing and we will evaluate possibilities." Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) is also planning to visit J&K with a delegation. GCCI president Pathik Patwardi said, "Significant steps are being taken to promote industry in J&K by the central government and GST-linked incentives up to 300% of actual investment made in plants and machinery and construction for 10 years have been announced. We will visit J&K with a delegation in the coming months."

According to sources, a top level delegation from J&K may visit Gujarat soon to attract investment from the state.

13થી 15 ઓગસ્ટ સુધી તમામ માર્કેટ લાઈટિંગથી ઝગમગશે

તિરંગા અભિયાન હેઠળ અલગ-અલગ વિસ્તારમાં દેશભક્તિના કાર્યક્રમો યોજાશે

ભાસ્કર ન્યૂઝ | અમદાવાદ

તિરંગા જેવો ચેમ્બરનો લોગો તૈયાર કરાયો

આઝાદીના અમૃત મહોત્સવને મનાવવા માટે તિરંગા અભિયાનમાં શહેરના વિવિધ માર્કેટ, મહાજન અને એસોસિએશને તૈયારી શરૂ કરી છે. આ અભિયાનમાં ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રી પણ જોડાઈ છે. શહેરના વિવિધ માર્કેટોમાં દિવાળીની જેમ રોશની કરવામાં આવશે. તેમ જ દરેક દુકાન, સંસ્થાઓ પર તિરંગા લગાવવામાં આવશે. આ અંગે વિવિધ માર્કેટમાં પહેલા ચરણમાં 2 હજાર રાષ્ટ્રીય ધ્વજનું વિતરણ કરાયું છે. ચેમ્બર દ્વારા દરેક વેપારી સંસ્થાઓને જાણ કરી અભિયાનમાં જોડાવા તેમ જ

આઝાદીના અમૃત મહોત્સવને પગલે ચેમ્બર દ્વારા શહેરમાં જરૂરિયાતમંદ 75 બાળકોને સાઈકલ અને સ્કૂલ બેગ સહિતની વસ્તુઓ આપીશું. આ ઉપરાંત ગુજરાત ચેમ્બરના લોગોને તિરંગા કલરથી બનાવવામાં આવ્યો છે, જેને ચેમ્બરના સભ્યો પોતાની ડીપીમાં લગાવશે. >>પથિક પટવારી, પ્રમુખ ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ

અલગ-અલગ વિસ્તારમાં દેશ ભક્તિના કાર્યક્રમોનું આયોજન કરવા જણાવવામાં આવ્યું છે.

CNG, PNG prices raised again

CNG 53% Costlier In 11 Months

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Ahmedabad: Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL) on Tuesday increased its price of compressed natural gas (CNG) in Ahmedabad by Rs 1.06 per kg to Rs 65.30 per kg. Other city gas distribution companies are also mulling raising prices, industry sources say.

A kilogram of CNG now costs Rs 6.53 less than a litre of diesel, which costs Rs 66.1, and Rs 21.64 less than a litre of petrol, which costs Rs 87.74, according to the latest fuel prices notification. CNG prices have been raised by 53.8% in 11 months, according to the Federation of Gujarat Petroleum Dealers' Associations

CNG PRICE INCREASES



(FPGDA).

After the price revision by ATGL on August 26, 2022, the price of CNG was Rs 65.3 per kg. ATGL also raised the price of residential piped natural gas (PNG) from Rs 134.8 per MMBTU to Rs 144.8 per MMBTU effective August 2, Tuesday.

"Owing to international developments and their ef-

fect on gas prices, we have been constrained to revise prices of PNG," states a message circulated by ATGL to its customers. The ATGL PNG price in the city was Rs 135 per MMBTU in June 2022, which means prices have risen by about 6% in 11 months. Automobile dealers say the constantly rising prices of CNG will hamper sales of

CNG variants of automobiles.

"The semiconductor shortage had already spelled catastrophe for the sale of CNG vehicles because despite demand being high supply was low. With the continuous and sharp increases in CNG prices, demand for CNG vehicles may fall," said a city-based car dealer. Industry players fear that the high CNG prices will affect industrial activity too.

"The trend of higher gas prices is global. However, the increase in CNG prices will definitely hamper industries and consumers who depend on the fuel for various operations. A lot of public transport vehicles also run on CNG and thus their costs will go up. Higher residential PNG prices will add to inflationary pressures and disrupt household budgets," said Pathik Patwardi, president, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).



ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રી

વેપાર હિંદોગના સભ્યોને GCCI ખાતે કાર્યસ્ત વિવિધ હેલ્પડેસ્કનો લાભ લેવા આમંત્રિત કરીએ છીએ, જ્યાં વિષય નિષ્ણાંતો દ્વારા વિના મૂલ્યે યોગ્ય માગદર્શન આપવામાં આવે છે.

HELPDESK	Day	Time
1 Direct Tax	Saturday	3 PM - 5 PM
2 Indirect Tax	1st & 3rd Saturday	3 PM - 5 PM
3 Industrial Estates & GIDC	Friday	4 PM - 6 PM
4 Trade	Thursday	5 PM - 7 PM
5 Legal	Friday	3 PM - 5 PM
6 Environment	Thursday	3 PM to 5 PM with prior appointment
7 GCCI-BOB MSME	Monday to Friday	12 PM - 6.30 PM
8 GCCI-SBI EXIM	Monday to Friday	5 PM - 7 PM
9 Insurance	Saturday	3 PM - 5 PM
10 Support Desk for Women Entrepreneurs	Tuesday	3 PM - 5 PM

હેલ્પડેસ્ક માટે સંપર્ક: ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રી, આશ્રમ રોડ, અમદાવાદ-380006. ફોન: 079-2542309-2-3-૪
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ગુજરાત વેપારી મહામંડળ ખાતે બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીના નવા ચેરપર્સન ઋતુજા પટેલ માટે ટેક એન્ડ ઈવેન્ટ કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. તસ્વીરમાં મહામંડળના પ્રમુખ પંદિક પટેલ તથા બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીના સભ્યો જણાય છે. કમિટીમાં સભ્યોના સહ સભાસભ્યોને સાથે ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા છે.

વેપારી મહામંડળ ખાતે યોજાયો કાર્યક્રમ

બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીના નવા ચેરપર્સન તરીકે ઋતુજા પટેલે ચાર્જ સંભાળ્યો

અમદાવાદ માટે આજરોજ ગુજરાત વેબનાર એન્ડ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રી-બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીનું વર્ષ-૨૦૨૨-૨૩ માટેની કમિટીનું ટેક એન્ડ ઈવેન્ટ નું આયોજન કરવામાં આવેલ હતું. આ કાર્યક્રમે મુખ્ય મહેમાન પદે સીમાબેન ગોરડિયા દ્વારા ચેરપર્સન જનકા કાન્ડુભાઈ ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. કચેરીસીદ્ધાંત પ્રમુખ પટેલ તરીકે દ્વારા આજરોજ ચેરપર્સન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં પટેલ તરીકે મહિલા સહાયક સાહસિકોને ગીતાબેન ગોરડિયા દ્વારા સફળતાના મંત્રો અપાયા

બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીના આઈટ મોઈંગ ચેરપર્સન (૨૦૨૧-૨૨) શ્રીમતી કુલપ્તેને પ્રીક વ્યાજ દ્વારા આ પ્રદર્શને વહીવટી આયોજનમાં સભ્યો અને મેમ્બર્સની સહાયતા માટે હતી.

જ્યારે બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીના નવા નિમાયેલા ચેરપર્સન (૨૦૨૨-૨૩) બિ. ઋતુજા પટેલ દ્વારા પ્રસન્નિ ઉદ્દેશીય કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં તેમણે વિખ્યાત ગોલાકાની સુલિત સાથે ગોલાકા મનનીય પ્રવચનની શરૂઆત કરી હતી અને તેમને સોંપાયેલી જવાબદારી નિભાવવામાં શ્રી મહેશ તમામ વિષયો દુર કરીને તેમને તેમની મહિલા કમિટીના સભ્યોના સાથ સાથે તેમના કામને આગળ પલાવશે એવી આશા વ્યક્ત કરી હતી.

તેમણે કહ્યું કે મહિલાની સાથે સહકારકરના આરોભર વખાણ કરીને કહ્યું કે મહિલાઓ પાસે એટલે મા હુવું છે. નોલેજ એટલે મા સરવશીક છે અને વેલ્ય એટલે મા ભવશીક સાક્ષાત્ત વિરાજમાન છે. તેમણે આરભર પ્રથમ મહિલા આઈપીએલ કિરણ ખેડીને પોતાના વેલ મોડેલ જણાવીને મેટીની પ્રેરણાદાયક કમીચની મોર્ટ કલિપ દર્શાવીને તેમાંથી પ્રેરણા લેવા બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીની મહિલાઓને બનુરોષ કર્યું હતું.

સખત પરિશ્રમ પણ જોડાયેલું છે એક સફળ બિઝનેસવુમનની સફળતામાં પરિવારનો સાથ સહકાર અનિવાર્ય છે. તે કિશોર ધોઈપણ મહિલા પોતાના બિઝનેસમાં આગળ વધી શકે નહીં તેથી તેમણે પરિવારની પણ કાળજી લેવા અનુરોધ કર્યો હતો.

તેમણે જણાવતા કરી હતી કે બિઝનેસ વુમનની સફળતામાં પરિવારનો સાથ સહકાર અનિવાર્ય-ઋતુજા પટેલ

તેમની વિગ દ્વારા મહિલા વેલ્ય ટેકની શરૂઆત કરવામાં આવી છે. જેમાં ૬૨ મંગલવરે કોઈ ૩ થી ૫ દરમ્યાન બિઝનેસને માઈગ્રેશન માંગની મહિલાઓ તેનો લાભ લઈ શકશે. તેમણે કમિટીના તમામ મહિલાઓને ખાતરી આપી હતી કે તેમણે સેને સાથે રાખીને ગુજરાતમાં સખત પરિશ્રમ પણ જોડાયેલું છે એક સફળ બિઝનેસવુમનની સફળતામાં પરિવારનો સાથ સહકાર અનિવાર્ય છે. તે કિશોર ધોઈપણ મહિલા પોતાના બિઝનેસમાં આગળ વધી શકે નહીં તેથી તેમણે પરિવારની પણ કાળજી લેવા અનુરોધ કર્યો હતો.

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તેમની વિગ દ્વારા મહિલા વેલ્ય ટેકની શરૂઆત કરવામાં આવી છે. જેમાં ૬૨ મંગલવરે કોઈ ૩ થી ૫ દરમ્યાન બિઝનેસને માઈગ્રેશન માંગની મહિલાઓ તેનો લાભ લઈ શકશે. તેમણે કમિટીના તમામ મહિલાઓને ખાતરી આપી હતી કે તેમણે સેને સાથે રાખીને ગુજરાતમાં

બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટી

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મુરોલીબે વર્ણવીને આજની બિઝનેસવુમનેને કહ્યું કે અગાઉ બેંકમાંથી લોન લેવા માટે કેટલા બધા પક્ષા ખાવા પડતા હતા. જ્યારે આજ બેંકો તમારા ઘરે આવીને લોન આપે છે. ત્યારે મહિલા ઉદ્યોગ સાહસિકોએ તેનો લાભ લેવો જોઈએ.

તેમણે કહ્યું કે એક મહિલા બિઝનેસ વુમનેને પરિવારમાં માતા-બહેન-દિકરીની ભૂમિકા ભજવતાની સાથે સાથે કરોબાર પણ સંભાળવો પડતો હોય છે. અને એ કેટલું ભયર હોય છે. તેમણે સહન બિઝનેસ માટેની ટીપ્સ આપતાં કહ્યું કે બિઝનેસ માટે તમારામાં રહેલી નબળાઈને ઓળખીને તેને દુર કરી તમારી શક્તિને વેલ આપો. મન વડુ મજબૂત કરો. એવું જરૂરી નથી કે જે ભરવા હોઈએ એ જ બિઝનેસમાં સફળતા થશે એમ કહીને તેમણે કહ્યું કે તેમણે ઉદ્યોગમિકલ બી.એમ ક્યુ પણ તેમણે મેન્યુફેક્ચરીંગનો કારોબાર સંભાળે છે. પ્રારંભ અને પુરુષાર્થ એકબીજા સાથે સંકળાયેલા છે. મનોમતની સાથે નરીશ પણ કામ લાગે તેમણે મહિલાઓને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવા અનેક કાખ્યાઓ આપીને સોના ઠીલ કાચા હતા. મિલ. કાજલ પટેલ, જોઈન્ટ કો. ચેરપર્સન, બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટી, દ્વારા આજરોજ પ્રવચન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ત્યારબાદ શ્રી ઋતુજા વોરા દ્વારા 'ટૂથ સર્કિલ' કાર્યક્રમ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

Mauritius delegation signs MoU with GCCI

Ahmedabad: A business delegation from Mauritius arrived in Gujarat and met officials of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) on Monday.

The delegation led by Shardhanand Beeharry, president of Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Professionals (HBCCIP) consisted of 18 delegates. Pathik Patwari, president of GCCI, and Shardhanand Beeharry signed an MoU for joint co-operation in the areas of business promotion, joint events, delegation exchange and trade inquiries. TNN

PAYMENTS DELAYED AMID RISE IN RAW MATERIAL PRICES

Textile, chemical units face liquidity crunch

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Ahmedabad: Gujarat-based textile and chemical industries are facing a liquidity crunch following an unprecedented rise in the prices of raw materials. The working capital requirement has gone up while the overall demand is low. Moreover, interest rates have also increased. The stakeholders say that the situation will improve only after the prices stabilize and the demand reaches normal levels. Cotton price fluctuations have hit the demand. Ahmedabad-based textile traders' apex association, Maskati Kapad Market Mahajan, said most of the manufacturers and traders are facing an extended payment cycle. "The Ahmedabad textile industry



RAW DEAL
● High raw material prices have increased working capital requirements
● The payment cycle, which was 90 days sometime back, has gone up to 150 days
● The cycle got disrupted in April as buyers defaulted in timely payments

Currently, buyers are not making payments on time." A former chairman of Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council, Bharat Chhajer, said: "The textile value chain is facing a liquidity crunch because raw material prices have increased the working capital requirements." Chhajer added: "Those who bought raw materials at high prices are in a fix because the demand went down unexpectedly." The chemicals sector, especially the dyes segment, is finding it difficult to get payments. Ramesh Patel, a former president of Gujarat Dyestuffs Manufacturers' Association, said: "Dye companies are running at a very low capacity and many factories are shut."

સાહસથી કોઈ પણ બિઝનેસમાં સફળ થવાય: ગીતા ગોરડિયા

GCCAની બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટી દ્વારા ટોક શો યોજાયો

અમદાવાદ | ગુજરાત વેબનાર એન્ડ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીની બિઝનેસ વિમેન કમિટી દ્વારા ટેક એન્ડ ઈવેન્ટ યોજાઈ હતી જેમાં ગેસ્ટ તરીકે FICCI ગુજરાત સ્ટેટ કાઉન્સિલના ચેરપર્સન ગીતા ગોરડિયા ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યાં હતાં. વિમેન આંત્રપ્રિયર વિશે વાત કરતાં ગીતા ગોરડિયાએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, હાલમાં મહિલાઓ માટે સરકાર દ્વારા સ્ટાર્ટઅપ માટે લોન લેવા અને તેમના બિઝનેસને પ્રમોટ કરવા માટે ઘણા નિયમો બનાવવામાં આવ્યા છે, જેમાં તેમને બેન્કમાં જવાની જરૂર નથી બધું ધરબેઠાં મળી જાય છે. વધુમાં તેમણે



જણાવ્યું કે, જરૂરી નથી કે જે ભણ્યા હોઈએ અને જ બિઝનેસમાં સફળતા મળે, જો તમારામાં સાહસ હોય તો તમે કોઈ પણ કામમાં સફળ થઈ શકો છો. બિઝનેસ વુમન કમિટીના નવા નિમાયેલા ચેરપર્સન ઋતુજા પટેલ દ્વારા કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

Cotton prices heading towards ₹1L mark again

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Ahmedabad: Unprecedented ups and downs in Indian cotton prices continue as, after a sharp decline in July, cotton prices have risen to Rs 96,000 per candy (356kg). Experts believe it will once again touch Rs 1 lakh per candy. Shortage of cotton and the possibility of delay in the arrival of new crop have driven up the prices. Rates of forward contracts for November and December have also increased significantly, say sources. India saw cotton touching a lifetime high price of Rs 1.1 lakh per candy in recent months and it impacted the textile value chain badly. Guj-Cot Trade Association secretary Ajay Dalal said, "India's cotton production was 3.57 crore bales in 2020-21. There



were projections of 3.63 crore bales in 2021-22 initially, but the crop was affected due to bad weather and now official projections suggest production of around 3.15 crore bales. This shows there is no availability of cotton. On the basis of initial projections, the value chain planned production and spinning mills worked at full capacity, so short supply against high demand resulted in a steep price hike. "Last month, there was a

significant drop in cotton prices but because of non-availability. However, the prices, which were around Rs 86,000 a month ago, increased to Rs 96,000 per candy level on August 12. There are possibilities that prices may again touch Rs 1 lakh." He said that forward contracts for November and December have also seen an increase of around Rs 10,000. So, contracts which were quoted at Rs 63,000 per candy last month are now being quoted at Rs 73,000 per candy, Dalal added. GCCI textile committee co-chairman Rahul Shah said, "We have seen good sowing but there is fear of delay in crop arrival. Therefore, prices have increased. Following rise in cotton prices, different quality cotton yarn prices have also moved up but there is a lack of demand."

MANUFACTURERS OF DYES, INTERMEDIATES FACING CHINA HEAT TOO

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IN DYER STRAITS: COST PRESSURES SHUT 200 UNITS

A household name Kiril Industries, a manufacturer of dyes and intermediates, has kept its 14-unit manufacturing plant shut for three months. "Increased raw material prices, added cost pressures, and lack of demand, and rising competition from Chinese counter parts have made manufacturing unviable here," said Bhaskar Kiril, the managing director of the company. "As a result, our plant is shut for the time being."

With a surge in raw material prices adding to the production costs and the demand declining over the past quarter in both international and domestic markets, manufacturing capacities of dye units are grossly underutilized. This has compelled most units to close temporarily. Estimates of Gujarat Dye and Intermediates Manufacturers' Association (GDMA) suggest that 200 units of the 1,000 which make dyes and intermediates in Gujarat have also operations and declining order volumes and increasing input costs.

In fact, GDMA notes this to be the worst crisis in over two decades. Harsh Bhatta, the president of GDMA, said, "The average capacity utilization across units is merely 30%. While domestic demand has declined due to the recessionary trends in Europe and the US, exports have also declined due to the recessionary trends in Europe and the US." Bhatta added, "Most units manufacturing intermediates such as Hacid, vinyl sulphonic, and MPDGA are shut whereas dye manufacturers' capacity utilization is the bare minimum."

The manufacturers of dyes and intermediates have reduced the inventory of raw materials. Against at least 60 days of raw material, inventory manufacturers are now procuring just enough to fulfil the orders at hand.



INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

Gujarat's dyes and intermediates units 1,500

Contribution to India's production 65-70%

Export revenue per unit \$25,000

Domestic revenue per unit \$15,000

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Textile sector's slump a factor

As the slump in the textile sector continues amid rising input costs and declining demand, a major cascading effect is seen as manufacturers of dyes and intermediates. The textile industry is reeling from the spike in cotton prices, which touched the peak of Rs 1,10 lakh per candy (50kg) in May and is currently trading at around Rs 98,000 per candy. "Textile processing houses are among the largest consumers of reactive dyes," said Bhupendra Patel, chairman,

Export demand has also declined due to the recessionary trends in Europe and the US

Gujarat, Chemacil. "Moreover, because of the Russia-Ukraine war, raw material prices in the international market are high, impacting the viability of manufacturing. At the same time, Europe is under a major recession which has led to export demand." Vinod Agrawal, past chairman, CII Gujarat state council, said, "In Bangladesh and Turkey, the textile industry has been hit and that has impacted the demand for dyes significantly." Agrawal added, "Also,

the leather industry in Ukraine and Russia has closed down due to the war, corresponding the problems. Recessionary uncertainty across the world has also pulled down textile demand."

On the other hand, Agrawal said, "China is a key supplier of nitric acid, sulphuric acid, sodium oleic, sodium nitrite, among others, at half the price of domestic products."

"Since their raw material prices are lower, Chinese manufacturers are exporting finished products at much cheaper rates compared to India, making Indian players less competitive," Agrawal said.

Specialty chemical makers gain

As a time when dyes and intermediates manufacturers are struggling for survival, specialty chemical manufacturers are

gaining from import substitution. "Over the past four years, the manufacturing capacity for specialty chemicals has appreciably increased. As a result, companies which were earlier dependent on Chinese imports are turning to Indian players," said Natabhai Patel, managing director, Meghmani Organics.

"We produce intermediates such as pyrazolone which is used for manufacturing reactive dyes, acid dyes and pigments. Our 50 tonnes per month of installed capacity has been lying idle for three months for the want of orders. We have never seen such a situation in three decades."

"Intermediates manufacturing units are the worst hit due to the historically low demand for dyes. Despite the US dollar appreciating against the Indian rupee, exporters are not able to leverage gains due to low order volumes."

"Our H-acid manufacturing plant has been shut for the past three months. High raw material prices are adding to the cost of production and making manufacturing unviable."

"About 100 dyes and intermediates units have been shut for more than one month due to low demand and stiff competition from the Chinese counterparts. We hope the industry will come out of the crisis soon."

Major Unit | MANUFACTURER

Harsh Bhatta | PRESIDENT, GDMA

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મોરેશિયસના પ્રતિનિધિમંડળ સાથે ચેમ્બરની બેઠક યોજાઈ ભારત-મોરેશિયસ વચ્ચે વેપારની અનેક તકો છે : જીસીસીઆઈ પ્રમુખ

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સિદ્ધુ બિઝનેસ ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ એન્ડ પ્રોટેક્શનલ્સ (એચબીસીસીઆઈપી)ના પ્રમુખ શ્રદ્ધાનંદ બેહરીના નેતૃત્વમાં મોરેશિયસના એક પ્રતિનિધિમંડળે ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ (જીસીસીઆઈ)ની મુલાકાત લીધી હતી, જેમાં વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોના 18 પ્રતિનિધિ સામેલ હતા.

ભારત અને મોરેશિયસ વચ્ચે વેપારને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવા વિશાળ તકો છે. કારણ કે ભારત સરકારે 22 ફેબ્રુઆરી, 2021માં સીઈસીપીએ એક દ્વિપક્ષીય વેપાર કરાર પર હસ્તાક્ષર કર્યાં છે. મોરેશિયસ દ્વારા

HBCCIPના પ્રમુખ-GCCIના પ્રમુખ વચ્ચે વેપાર કરાર થયા હતા.

વિવિધ દેશો સાથેના કરારોને કારણે અન્ય દેશો માટે પ્રવેશદ્વાર બની શકે છે. તેમ મોરેશિયસ પ્રતિનિધિ મંડળની મુલાકાત દરમિયાન જીસીસીઆઈના પ્રમુખ પશ્ચિમ પટવારીએ જણાવ્યું હતું. એચબીસીસીઆઈપીના પ્રમુખ શ્રદ્ધાનંદ બેહરીએ મોરેશિયસ એક મિની ઈન્ટિયા હોવાની વાત કરી

ચેમ્બરના સભ્યોને આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય વર્કશોપ માટે મોરેશિયસમાં આમંત્રણ આપ્યું હતું. આ પ્રસંગે મુખ્યમંત્રી મોરેશિયસના ઈકોનોમિક ડેવલપમેન્ટ બોર્ડના ઈન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ કાઉન્સેલર સેવરાજ નંદલાલે જણાવ્યું કે, ભારતે મોરેશિયસને તેના વિકાસ માટે આર્થિક સહાય કરી છે. ટેક્સટાઈલ, હોસ્પિટાલિટી, કેમિકલ્સ, ફાર્મા, ફૂડ પ્રોસેસિંગ, આઈટી અને કૃષિ જેવા ક્ષેત્રોમાં રોકાણની તકો છે. મોરેશિયસ દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકન ડેવલપમેન્ટ કોમ્યુનિટી જેવી આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સંવિધોનું સભ્ય છે. ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ટ્રેડ ટાસ્ક ફોર્સના અધ્યક્ષ સમીર શાહે મોરેશિયસના પ્રતિનિધિમંડળના સભ્યો સાથે બીટુબી બેઠકનું સંચાલન કર્યું હતું.

જીસીસીઆઈએ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને બેગ, સાઈકલની ભેટ આપી

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ભારતની આઝાદીના 75 ગૌરવશાળી વર્ષની ઉજવણીના ભાગરૂપે અને મિત્રતા દિવસના અવસરે મૈત્રીપૂર્ણ પહેલ તરીકે, ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રી (જીસીસીઆઈ) અને આત્મવિકાસ ટ્રસ્ટના સહયોગથી પલોડિયા અને આસપાસના ગામડાના જરૂરિયાતમંદ શાળાના બાળકોને 75 સાઈકલ, સ્કૂલબેગ, નોટબુક, બિસ્કિટ અને તિરંગા આપવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ પ્રસંગે જીસીસીઆઈના પ્રમુખ પશ્ચિમ પટવારીએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, વિદ્યાર્થીઓ દેશનું ભવિષ્ય છે. તેમને આ સાઈકલ અને અન્ય ભેટ એટલા માટે આપવામાં આવે છે કે, જેથી તેમના શિક્ષણ અને જીવન બંનેમાં મદદ થઈ શકે.

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