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GCCI PULSE



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Dear Esteemed Member,

Our term in Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the year 2021-2022 concluded on 2nd July 2022. Our term has been the shortest in the history of GCCI as we took charge on 18th September 2021 and the term spanned only for 289 Days. It is with great pride I state that during this short term and under many constraints we tried our best and put forth lots of activities, took new initiatives and strongly and successfully represented many issues with the government.

With the hard work put in by our committee Chairpersons and the support of Office Bearers, we organized around 200 programmes and made around 275 representations on various issues with the government. We enrolled 691 new members which has been a historical figure and we could retain maximum members as 97% members renewed their membership.

Our focus areas were based on 4 pillars consisting of Business Development, Knowledge Enhancement, Advocacy & Representations and Strengthening GCCI Infrastructure.

We formed 51 trade committees and taskforce which became the key to foster mutual growth. We tried to involve new people and bring in new blood in the committees which reaped us good results as they performed exceptionally well. We started new initiatives like Centre for Learning, CSR and launched 3 new Help Desks for Defence & Aerospace, Environment and Technology Transfer Platform.

During June we organised an Interactive Session on India @ 100 by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha. GCCI in association with 20 various associations of Ahmedabad City had organized a week-long Blood Donation Drive and more than 800 units of blood was donated by the members. Also GCCI CSR Taskforce, under the aegis of Gujarat Chamber Foundation Trust, identified and donated 56 kits to Covid Widows who are sole earners of the family. An Interactive Session on Role of Chemical & Pharmaceutical Industry to achieve \$5 trillion Economy was also organized in the esteemed presence of Dr. Mansukh Bhai Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare and Shri Jagdish Bhai Vishwakarma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Industries, Govt. of Gujarat.

I would like to personally thank all my team members, committee members and GCCI Secretariat who have worked hard day in and out to take new initiatives and to organize excellent programs.

Note of Caution: The new wave of Covid – 19 is around. Please follow the protocols and Stay Safe and Healthy.

Wishing incoming team under the leadership of incoming President, Shri Pathikbhai Patwari all the success...

Hemant Shah
President – GCCI

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH DR. H.G.KOSHIA, COMMISSONER, FOOD & DRUGS CONTROL AUTHORITY, GOVT.OF GUJARAT

Organized by : Food & Dairy Task Force and Hotels & Hospitality Committee

Food & Dairy Task Force and Hotels & Hospitality Committee of GCCI organized an interactive session with Dr. H.G. Koshia, Commissioner, Food and Drugs Control Authority, Gujarat with an aim to discuss about Food Safety and Standards Act and New amendments.

A large audience consisting mainly of Food Business Operators, representatives of Spices, Dairy, Bakery, Hotels & Hospitality industries attended the seminar. In the interactive session, many issues related to food & allied sector were discussed. These included issues related to labeling, adulteration & quality control, value addition in food products, food licenses, exports of food items etc..



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SHRI WREN MISHRA, REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER

Organized by : Tourism Taskforce

Tourism Taskforce of GCCI organized an Interactive Meeting with Regional Passport Officer, Shri Wren Mishra on 2nd June, 2022 at GCCI. Officials from Regional Passport Office made detailed presentation on Basics of passport issuance system-categories, Validity, Online Application system, Basic documentation. Various issues related to certification, chatbot and damaged passports were discussed during the meeting.



 **3RD JUNE**

TRAINING OF NGO MANAGEMENT

Organized by : Centre for Learning Taskforce

GCCI - Centre for Learning organized a capacity building program on NGO Management.

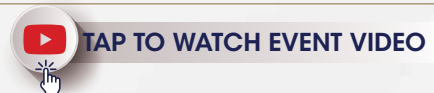
The two-day program held on 3rd & 4th June, 2022 saw discussions on various topics such as Communication Skills, Digital Platforms, CSR Act & Updates, Corporate Expectations, Need Analysis, Project Proposal Drafting, Reporting, and Fund Raising.

This training gave an opportunity to the participants of learning from the leading civil society champions, government representatives & corporate CSR heads.

The training was attended by 33 participants from 27 NGOs which included, founders, program managers & senior staff members. In order to ensure that discussions were meaningful to everyone present, we had encouraged participation from those NGOs/ Non-Profits which were at least 5 years old as 31st March, 2022.



 **4TH JUNE**



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SHRI SURESH PRABHU, MP, RAJYA SABHA, EX- MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION, RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry in association with Ahmedabad Branch of WIRC of ICAI organized an Interactive Session on India @ 100 by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha.

Shri Suresh Prabhu in his remarks presented views on INDIA @ 100 and congratulated GCCI and associated bodies for thinking about the future.



5TH JUNE

CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) jointly with Gujarat Pollution control board (GPCB) organized a programme to celebrate "World Environment Day". In this programme Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Hon'ble minister for state for Industries and Environment Shri Jagdishbhai Viswakarma was present. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel was felicitated by GCCCI and a cheque worth Rs.11 Lakhs was presented to Chief Minister for CM's kelvani Nidhi fund. In this programme Chief Minister assured to resolve the issues of industries as early as possible and appealed to industries to conserve the environment and expand/modernize their industries. All senior officers from concern departments and large numbers of industrialists participated in this "World Environment Day" celebration.



7TH - 14TH JUNE

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE WITH MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF GCCCI

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry in association with 20 various associations of Ahmedabad City has organized a week-long Blood Donation Drive to mark the World Blood Donor Day on 14th June. More than 800 units of blood have been donated by the members of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Shri Ajay Patel, Chairman, Gujarat State, Indian Red Cross Society inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp at GCCCI and felicitated all the Associations who actively participated in the Voluntarily Blood Donation Drive.



WOMEN HEALTH FAIR 2022

Organized by : Centre for Learning Taskforce

Industry Business Women Committee organized Women Health Fair- 2022 at GCCI Premises. This event was inaugurated by Ms. Manishaben Vakil, Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development, Govt. of Gujarat and launched the Women Business Portal "Udhyami"

This Seminar included Sessions from the eminent speakers like:

1. Dr. Mona Desai, National Chairperson, IMA MPH Wing
2. Dr. Nimrat Singh, Phycologist
3. Ms. Sohini Shah, Nutritionist
4. Dr. Priyanka Chiripal, Oncologist, Zydus Hospitals
5. Dr. Shaunak Patel, MD, Dermatologist
6. Mr. Dev Desai, Director, CARV D

All these speakers spread information & awareness about Women's Physical & Mental Health.



CSR EVENT - SAHYOG - SAHAY

Organized by : CSR Task Force

The GCCI CSR Task Force, under the aegis of Gujarat Chamber Foundation Trust took an initiative for helping widows who have lost their husbands & sole earning member of family during covid times. Under consultation and guidance of GCCI Office Bearers, GCCI CSR Task Force team of Mrs. Jayshree Mehta, Mrs. Nita Shah, Mrs. Yogini Bhrambhat and Mr. Dharmendra Joshi, identified such women with the active support of Jyotisangh Pattharkua, Jyotisangh Nava Vadaj, Akhand Jyot Cheretable Trust and Sankruti Mahila Utkarsh Trust. It was decided to distribute around 56 kits to empower these women for their livelihood. In the specially arranged function, beneficiary letters were presented to the identified and selected Covid widows by the worthy hands of Ms. Jayshree Vyas - MD SEWA Sahkari Bank Ltd. and Mrs. Jayshree Lalbhai - President Jyotisangh. Fabric Sewing machines, Leather Sewing machines, Embroidery Sewing machines, Computers, Fruit and Vegetable Vending Carts, etc are being donated to these women and delivered to them at their place of residence with necessary training. Shri Hemant Shah- President GCCI was also present during the function.



 **10TH JUNE**



INTERACTIVE SESSION ON GREENING INDIA THROUGH RENEWABLES

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) in association with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited organized an Interactive Session on Greening India through Renewables.

Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, in his keynote address, urged Gujarat's industry leaders and investors to pay attention to Renewable Energy (RE) sector and invest in the RE projects, which are not only generating clean energy but also reducing Co2 emissions and improving quality of life. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has set an ambitious target of 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030 and Gujarat can contribute significantly to this goal by utilizing its green energy potential. The theme presentation was delivered by Shri Chintan Shah, Director (Technical), IREDA.



 **11TH JUNE**

INTERACTION ON DRONE TECHNOLOGY TO BE USED IN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Organized by : Agriculture Task Force

Agriculture Task Force has organized interactive talk on Drone technology to be used in Agriculture activities. In the talk Application of Drone technology, Roadmap for reforms in Agriculture, Standard guidelines for operation of Drones for pesticides application, Statutory compliances, Challenges to use Drone were mainly discussed.



11TH JUNE

EDUSKILL TECH EXPO & DEMO DAY

Organized by : Centre for Learning Taskforce

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in Association with J.G University organized a full day exhibition "EDUSKILL TECH EXPO" for start-ups associated with the Education & Skill sector. 26 Startups exhibited their products and services in the exhibition, which was visited by more than 500 people. The start-ups had unique and innovative products ranging from DIY toys, space science education tool, game-based learning tools, AI based diagnostic system, life skills and education platforms for students, software products for skill enhancement, brain development tools, stock market trading application and application for pharmaceutical students.

The Exhibition was followed by a Talk on "Transformation in Edu-Skill sector through innovation by Start-ups". Shri M. Nagrajan, IAS, Commissioner, Higher Education was the Chief Guest for this Talk and Dr. Himanshu Pandya, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University, Shri Hiranmay Mahanta, CEO, i-Hub, Shri D.R. Parmar, Joint Commissioner of Industries and Dr. CA Achyut Dani, Director General and Provost, J.G University were the Guests of Honor.



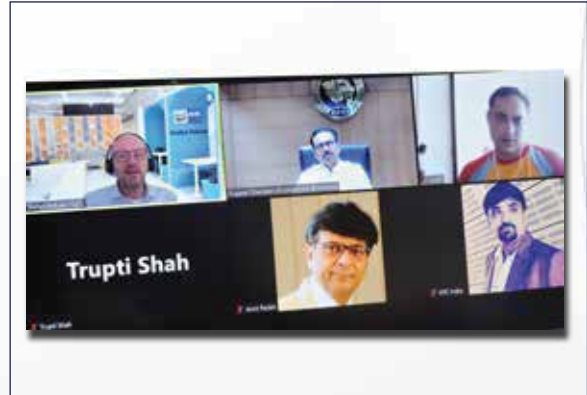
 **14TH JUNE**

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH INDO-GERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Organized by : Foreign Trade Task Force

Foreign Trade Task Force organized a virtual meeting with Mr. Stefan Halusa, Director General, from the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, Mumbai.

Mr. Halusa explained the training they conduct for the exporters from India on the Understanding the Germany's Supply Chain & the new Due Diligence. Chemicals and Technical textiles - the two important sectors which can be of business interest to the German Companies.



 **21ST JUNE**

PHYSICAL MEETING WITH MS. AMRITA D'MELLO, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST, U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL, MUMBAI

Organized by : Foreign Trade Task Force

Foreign Trade Task Force organized meeting with Ms. Amrita D'mello, The Public Engagement Specialist from the US Consulate General, Mumbai. Ms. D'mello explained the various focus areas of the US Consulate office in current times. Ms. D'mello stated the training and support imparted by the US Consulate in making India ahead of China by various webinars, training and personalized support in the areas of Climate Change, Trade between India and the USA, & Public Diplomacy. Mr. Anil Jain, Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee asked various questions to benefit all the manufacturing industries of Ahmedabad like the Pharma, Engineering, Chemicals, Textile etc and further showed interest in a tie-up for GCCI members for this type of training from the US Consulate.



 **21ST JUNE**



INTERACTIVE SESSION ON ROLE OF CHEMICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE \$5 TRILLION ECONOMY

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Interactive Session on Role of Chemical & Pharmaceutical Industry to achieve \$5 trillion Economy at GCCI in the august presence of the Chief Guest Dr. Mansukhbhai Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare and Guest of Honour Shri Jagdishbhai Vishwakarma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Industries, Govt. of Gujarat. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare in his keynote address highlighted the importance of stakeholders' consultation for minimizing the bottlenecks faced by the industry. Shri Jagdish Vishwakarma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Industries Govt. of Gujarat in his address remarked that he would like to know from the industry about the challenges and the requirements to achieve the goal of USD 5 trillion economy.



 **22ND JUNE**

TREE PLANTATION/PAINTING COMPETITION PROGRAMS

Organized by : Environment Committee

Environment Committee of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with Shree Kalol Taluka Kelavani Mandal organized Tree Plantation and Painting competition Programme at Kalol as a part of World Environment Day Celebration. In this programme approximately 700 students of the schools/colleges were participated in tree plantation and painting competition. Winner students were appreciated by presenting prizes to them in the event. Approximately 200 trees were planted in the campus with a responsibility to grow and nurturing. It was pleasantly heartening that a visually challenged girl took part in a Drawing Competition and presented a beautiful drawing.



 **23ND JUNE**

AWARENESS SEMINAR ON FOOD HYGIENE RATING

Organized by : Food & Dairy Task Force

Food & Dairy Task Force organized Awareness Seminar on Food Hygiene Rating at GCCI. Shri Brijesh Patel, Managing Director, Indian Food Solutions shared detailed presentation on importance of foSTac training, Hygiene rating in Restaurant, Bakery Outlet, Dairy Outlet, Cafe, Street Food Vendors, Catering Business, Healthy and nutritive food at work place, Clean street food hub Training and certification etc... He also mentioned to bring behavior change in mindset and make FBO more responsible towards food safety & Nutritive Food culture.



 **23RD JUNE**

INTERACTION WITH MS. MONA KHANDHAR, IAS, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC & COMMERCE, INDIAN EMBASSY, TOKYO JAPAN & REPRESENTATIVE OF JETRO

Organized by : Foreign Trade Task Force

Foreign Trade Task Force organized an interactive meeting with Ms. Mona Khandhar, Minister of Economic & Commerce, Embassy of India in Tokyo, Japan and representative of JETRO. Ms. Khadhar briefed on the activities that the Indian Embassy in Japan is doing for implementing business activities to promote Indian products. She also explained in detail the sectors where opportunities for the Indian businesses lie in the markets of Japan. The meeting was immersive and thought provoking for the Indian Businesses.

JETRO Ahmedabad informed us that Japan has a special "Start-up Visa" for Start-ups in Japan. The Government has extended a facility for a complimentary office space for a period of 50 working days for the interested ones across 7 cities in Japan, of course, with prior booking. This scheme is known as "Invest Japan Business Support Centre" – IBSC. Interested candidates can contact EXIM Helpdesk at the GCCI office



 **27TH JUNE**

MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION FROM HBCCIP, MAURITIUS

Organized by : Foreign Trade Task Force

Foreign Trade Task Force organized an interactive meeting with Mr. Nikhil Shah & Prem Anand Beeharry, Members from Hindi Chamber of commerce, Industry and Professional – HBCCIP. Mr. Nikhil Shah made a presentation on what opportunities do Indian businessmen have in Mauritius after India has signed a Foreign Trade Agreement - CECPA in April 2022. He further discussed on the sectors they are interested in importing from India. It is decided to bring in a delegation from HBCCIP, Mauritius to Ahmedabad in August 2022.



 **28TH JUNE**

AWARENESS SEMINAR ON SKILLING FOR COMPETITIVENESS-SCHEMES AND INITIATIVES

Organized by : Skill Development Committee

Skill Development committee of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized an awareness seminar on Skilling for Competitiveness-Schemes and Initiatives. Shri Lalit Narayan Singh Sandu, IAS, Director, Employment and Training and Managing Director, Gujarat Skill Development Mission, Govt. of Gujarat and Shri R.D.Barhat, Joint Commissioner of Industries, Govt. of Gujarat were eminent speakers of the programme. Shri Lalit Narayan talked about dual vocational systems operated in Germany and dual system training available with his department. Shri R.D.Barhat gave information about different schemes available to MSMEs for skill development and subsidies available to MSMEs. They appealed to industries associations like GCCI to come forward to bridge between Government and industries to fill up the skill gap.



UPGRADATION IN GCCCI



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સમાચાર



ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ દ્વારા તા. ૧૪ જુનના રોજ વર્લ્ડ બ્લડ ડોનેર ડે નિમિત્તે સ્વૈચ્છિક રક્તદાન સમાહનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું છે ત્યારે ગઈકાલે શ્રી માલકચોક સોના-ચાંદીના દાગીના એસોસીએશન દ્વારા રક્તદાન કેમ્પનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આ કેમ્પનો પ્રારંભ કચીસીઆઈના પ્રમુખ હેમન્ટ શાહ, મહાજન સંકલન સમિતિના ચેરમેન આરીષ જવેરી સહિતના મહાનુભાવોની ઉપસ્થિતિમાં કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આ રક્તદાન કેમ્પમાં મોટી સંખ્યામાં શોકીએ રક્ત આપીને સેવાના કાર્યમાં જોડાયા હતા.

એજ્યુ સિકલ ટેક એક્સ્પોમાં ૨૬ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ૨જૂ કરાયા



૧૬મી જુનના રોજ આયોજાયેલા એજ્યુ સિકલ ટેક એક્સ્પોમાં ૨૬ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ૨જૂ કરાયા. આ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ૨જૂ કરવામાં આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં ૨૦ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ સિવિલ એન્જિનિયરિંગ અને ૬ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ઈલેક્ટ્રિકલ એન્જિનિયરિંગના ક્ષેત્રમાં આવેલા છે. આ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ૨જૂ કરવામાં આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં ૨૦ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ સિવિલ એન્જિનિયરિંગ અને ૬ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ઈલેક્ટ્રિકલ એન્જિનિયરિંગના ક્ષેત્રમાં આવેલા છે. આ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ૨જૂ કરવામાં આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં ૨૦ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ સિવિલ એન્જિનિયરિંગ અને ૬ સ્ટાર્ટઅપ ઈલેક્ટ્રિકલ એન્જિનિયરિંગના ક્ષેત્રમાં આવેલા છે.

પસંદગી પામેલા વિદ્યાર્થી અને સ્ટાર્ટઅપનું નામ

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IN LETTER TO CM
GCCI seeks protection against attack on Morbi ceramic factory owners

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In a letter to Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), has sought protection from the government against "frequent" attacks on ceramic factory owners in Morbi and "false" cases being filed against them. The President of GCCI, Hemant Shah, in the letter had complained that "anti-social elements" were trying to extort from the factory owners by falsely filing atrocity cases. The industry body also cited an incident that happened on June 8 at

Rafadeshwar locality in Morbi. "These are local goons trying to extort money from ceramic factory owners in Morbi. This can't be allowed to continue in Gujarat which is known for safety and industrial peace and so we wrote the letter to the chief minister and marked a copy to the state home minister," said an office bearer of GCCI. GCCI stated in the letter that there is an element of fear among workers and factory owners in Morbi which is a hub for ceramics. The industry body also requested the government to quash the cases of atrocities filed in the recent past against ceramic factory owners.

મોરબીમાં વેપારીઓ પર થતા હુમલા અંગે સરકાર યોગ્ય પગલાં ભરે: ચેમ્બર

સિરામિક્સ ઉદ્યોગ સાથે સંકળાયેલા વેપારીઓ સામે ફરિયાદ થાય છે, તેમની કનડગત થાય છે



મોરબીમાં વેપારીઓની સલામતી સાથે પ્રમુખ હેમન્ટ શાહે જણાવ્યું છે. તેમ મોરબીમાં વેપારીઓ સામે ફરિયાદ કરવામાં આવે છે અને તેમને કનડગત થાય છે. આ કાણડાઓને રોકવા માટે સરકારને અરજી કરવામાં આવી છે. સિરામિક્સ ઉદ્યોગ સાથે સંકળાયેલા વેપારીઓ અને ઉદ્યોગપતિઓની સલામતી અને આવકને સુધારવા માટે સરકારને અરજી કરવામાં આવી છે. સિરામિક્સ ઉદ્યોગ સાથે સંકળાયેલા વેપારીઓ અને ઉદ્યોગપતિઓની સલામતી અને આવકને સુધારવા માટે સરકારને અરજી કરવામાં આવી છે.

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થેલેસેમિયાથી પીડાતા દર્દીઓને મદદરૂપ થવા બ્લડકેમ્પનું આયોજન કરાયું



ગાંધીનગર ભાસ્કર | અખિલ ગુજરાત હાઈવેર એસોસિએશન તથા ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ અને ઈન્ડિયન ટેકસાઈલ સોસાયટીના સહયોગથી થેલેસેમિયાથી પીડાતા દર્દીઓને મદદરૂપ થવા બ્લડકેમ્પનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં 100થી વધુ વપારે બ્લડ ડોનેટર ઉત્સાહભરે ભાગ લીધો હતો.

PLI scheme for basic chemicals soon, says Mandaviya

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Ahmedabad: As India tries to reduce its dependence on other countries for chemicals and APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients), and to support the whole value chain, the central government will soon introduce the production-linked incentives (PLI) scheme for basic chemicals, said Union chemicals minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**. He said the government also plans to set up chemical parks and bulk drug parks.



Speaking at the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) on the 'Role of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industry to achieve \$5 trillion economy', Mandaviya said, "We have already introduced the PLI scheme for APIs and are now planning to offer a PLI scheme for basic chemicals, because it will help the value chain. We do not only aim to produce for the domestic market but want our industry to export to the world."

He also said the government will establish chemical parks and bulk drug parks. "We are planning to set up three bulk drug parks in the country. We are even considering a model where the government becomes a partner in a private industrial park and once it is built, the government exits the SPV. A special scheme will be rolled out for this," the minister said.

Mandaviya says European firms exiting Russia, 'India should encash' chance

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A NUMBER of European companies are exiting Russia and India should "encash this opportunity", said Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, **Mansukh Mandaviya**, as he urged businessmen of Gujarat to "immediately" visit the country.

"A number of European companies are exiting Russia. The Russian government has told me that if India comes, then the opportunity will be made available

to them," Mandaviya, who recently headed the Indian delegation to the 25th St Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia, said during his visit to the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) Tuesday. The forum, held about a week ago, was boycotted by many western countries due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

"This is an opportunity. If anyone can encash this opportunity, it is the ecosystem in Gujarat," he told businessmen at GCCI.

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arrangements for the Russia visit, Mandaviya said the delegation of businessmen from Gujarat could be headed by state Industries Minister **Jagdish Vishwakarma**.

The comments from the Union minister came at a time when India is already buying discounted crude oil from Russia. "It is an apt time to encash the opportunity," he reiterated, adding that there were lucrative business opportunities in Russia awaiting Indians. Mandaviya was speaking at an interactive session on Role of chemical and pharmaceutical industry to achieve USD 5 trillion economy at GCCI.

Talking about his experiences at World Economic Forum held earlier this year, the Union minister said he defended India's export ban on wheat and told the nations present at the forum that countries manufacturing fertilisers "took advantage of the situation" and increased the prices of fertilisers.

He said India never raised the prices of medicines during the Covid pandemic. "We could have taken advantage of the situation and Indian companies could have raised their prices. But we didn't," Mandaviya said, pointing out how India reached out to hundreds of countries that needed medicines to counter Covid.

Speaking during the interactive session after the minister's speech, former GCCI president **Natulbhai Patel** said Gujarat can offer high-quality textiles and pharmaceutical products to Russia.

"Between 1990-95, when our economy was faced with a crisis, it was Russia who stood by us. It is during that time, a number of pharmaceutical companies came up in Gujarat. So, when Russia has extended its hands again, then, apart from discounted crude oil, we also have opportunities in pharmaceuticals, chemicals and textiles," Patel added.



ગુજરાત ચેમ્બરે નાણામંત્રીને રજૂઆત કરી રશિયા-યુક્રેન યુદ્ધની અસર, મોરબીના સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગોની 1500 કરોડની નિકાસ અટકી

અસર ભર્યા અસરો

રશિયા અને યુક્રેનના યુદ્ધના કારણે ત્યાં નિકાસ કરવામાં આવતી વસ્તુઓનાં નાણાં અંગે સ્થાનિક વેપારીઓ મુશ્કેલીમાં મુકાયા છે. મોરબીના 150 કરતાં વધારે યુનિટ દ્વારા રશિયામાં નિકાસ કરતા હતા, પરંતુ તેમને માલની સામે નાણાં રશિયન નાણાં એટલે કે રૂબલમાં ચુકવણી કરવામાં આવે છે. વેપારીઓ આ નાણાં બેંકમાં જમા કરાવવા જાય તો બેન્ક આ નાણાં લેતી નથી, જેના કારણે સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગોને મોટી મુશ્કેલીનો સામનો કરવો પડી રહ્યો છે. આ પ્રશ્ન માત્ર મોરબીના સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગોને નહીં, પરંતુ રશિયા અને યુક્રેનમાં નિકાસ કરતા તમામ લોકોને પડી રહ્યો છે, જે અંગે ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર દ્વારા નાણાં મંત્રીને રજૂઆત કરાઈ હતી.

સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગો રશિયા અને યુક્રેન યુદ્ધના કારણે આશરે 1500

કરોડની નિકાસ કરતા મોરબીના ઉદ્યોગકારો આ યુદ્ધને કારણે રશિયન રૂબલ અને બાકી ઉપરાણી બાબતે મુશ્કેલીમાં મુકાયા છે. 150થી વધારે યુનિટો મોરબીથી રશિયામાં માલ મોકલતા હતા. એવામાં રશિયાના અરીફનારા લોકો રૂબલમાં ખરીદી કરી રહ્યા છે, જેને લઈ ભારતીય બેંકો દ્વારા નિકાસકારોને તે રૂપિયા સ્વીકારવાની ના પાડી રહી છે. વધારામાં નિકાસકારોને એક વખતે પૈસા આવી ગયા પછી નિકાસના લાભો લેવા માટે જરૂરી બેન્ક રિમેડિયેશન સર્ટિફિકેટ લેવામાં મુશ્કેલી પડી રહી છે. આમ નિકાસકારોને નિકાસના લાભો અટકી ગયા છે, જેને લઈને ગુજરાત ચેમ્બરે કેન્દ્રનાં નાણાં મંત્રીને પત્ર લખી તેમ જ આરબીઆઈના ગવર્નરને પત્ર લખી આમાં ધરતું કરવા જણાવ્યું છે. બેંક દ્વારા નિકાસકારોને ડીઆરસી સર્ટિફિકેટ મળતું હોવાની કિસ્મત પણ સામે આવી છે, જે અંગે ચેમ્બરે આ અંગે જલદી નિર્ણય લેવા જણાવ્યું છે.

CERAMIC EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

Banks refuse inward remittances: GCCI writes to Sitharaman

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THE GUJARAT Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has written to Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** Wednesday seeking a clear mandate for nationalised and private banks to accept inward remittances arising out of exports to Russia. GCCI pointed out that 150 ceramic manufacturers from Morbi in Gujarat are exporting ceramic tiles to Russia.

"The exporters are facing major challenges in banking, especially for the inward remittance for the goods supplied to Russia buyers. There is complete ambiguity among the banks whether or not to accept payments from Russia. Many Indian nationalised and private banks are refusing to accept the payment and acknowledge the transactions from the Russian banks to issue the BRC (Bank Realisation Certificate) simply due to a lack of clarity in the matter. The exporters have approached the Indian embassy in Russia and the Reserve Bank of India, both of which have said that they

have laid no restriction guidelines on the nationalised and private banks," stated GCCI president **Hemant Shah** in the letter.

The letter comes only a day after Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, **Mansukh Mandaviya**, while addressing GCCI members, asked them to form a delegation and visit Russia at the earliest to take advantage of the space vacated by European companies.

The letter states that industries in Kochi have been investing in Russian market for the past four years. "With the global geopolitical situation changing and with the absence of ceramic supplies from European countries to Russia, the dependency of Russian buyers for the ceramic tiles has shifted from European suppliers to Indian manufacturers and this is a huge opportunity for the Indian ceramic manufacturers at Morbi," it added seeking the intervention of the Union finance minister.

Morbi houses close to 1,500 ceramic units catering to 18 per cent of global demand and contributes Rs 15,000 crore through exports.

સ્થાનિક બેન્કો BRC આપે તેવી વ્યવસ્થા કરવા ચેમ્બરની રજૂઆત

રશિયા સાથે ધંધો કરતા સિરામિકના વેપારીઓને બેન્કો BRC આપતી નથી

» યુકેન રશિયા યુદ્ધને લઈને રશિયાના વેપારીઓ દ્વારા યુરોપ પાસેથી સિરામિક ખરીદવાનું બંધ કરાયું

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■ ઘણા લાંબા સમયથી રશિયા અને યુકેન વચ્ચે યુદ્ધ ચાલી રહ્યું છે. યુરોપિયન દેશો યુકેનની તરફેણ કરતા હોવાથી રશિયાએ યુરોપ પાસેથી સિરામિક ખરીદવાનું લગભગ બંધ કરી દીધું છે. આ પરિસ્થિતિમાં મોરબીના સિરામિકના વેપારીઓ સાથે રશિયાના વેપારીઓ ધંધો કરતા થયા છે અને મોરબીના દોઢસોથી વધુ મોટા વેપારીઓને રશિયાથી મોટા ઓર્ડર પણ મળી રહ્યા છે. આવી પરિસ્થિતિમાં રશિયા અને ભારતનો વ્યાપાર વધે તેવા પ્રયાસ થઈ રહ્યા છે તે આવકાર્ય છે. ત્યારે દેશની જુદી જુદી બેન્કો

દ્વારા મોરબીના વેપારીઓને રશિયાથી આવતા પેમેન્ટના બેંક રિયલાઈઝેશન સર્ટિફિકેટ(BRC) નહીં શરૂ કરવામાં આવતા હોવાથી વેપારીઓને ખૂબ જ પરેશાની થઈ રહી છે. આ બાબતે મોરબી સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગના અગ્રણી વેપારીઓ દ્વારા ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રી સમક્ષ રજૂઆત કરવામાં આવી હતી. તેમની રજૂઆતને પગલે ચેમ્બરે કેન્દ્રીય નાણામંત્રી સમક્ષ આ બાબતે યોગ્ય નિર્ણય લેવા રજૂઆત કરી છે.

ચેમ્બરના અગ્રણીઓના જણાવ્યા મુજબ છેલ્લા બેથી અઢી દાયકામાં સિરામિક ક્ષેત્રે મોરબી હબ બની ગયું છે. માત્ર ભારત જ નહીં, પરંતુ દુનિયાભરના દેશો સાથે મોરબીના સીરામિકના વેપારીઓ ધંધો કરી રહ્યા છે. વર્તમાન પરિસ્થિતિમાં રશિયા દ્વારા સિરામિકનો વેપાર અને યુરોપીયન દેશો સાથે કરવામાં આવતો હતો તે બંધ થઈ ગયો છે અને તેના વિકલ્પ

તરીકે મોરબીના સિરામિક ઉદ્યોગ પર રશિયાના વેપારીઓએ પસંદગી ઉતારી છે.

જેના કારણે મોરબીના સિરામિક નાના વેપારીઓને મોટા ઓર્ડર મળી રહ્યા છે અને સારા પ્રમાણમાં ધંધો પણ થઈ રહ્યો છે. હવે આ વ્યાપારીઓને જે સમસ્યા સતતવી રહી છે તે એવી છે કે, રશિયા સિરામિકનો માલ મોકલી દીધા બાદ જે પેમેન્ટ આવે છે તેના અંતર્ગત સ્થાનિક બેન્કો દ્વારા BRC રિલીઝ કરવામાં આવતા નથી. જેને કારણે વેપારીઓ પરેશાન થઈ ગયા છે. મોરબીના દોઢસોથી વધુ વેપારીઓ હાલ રશિયા સાથે મોટા પ્રમાણમાં ધંધો કરી રહ્યા છે, પરંતુ તેમને પેમેન્ટ અંતર્ગત BRC મળતા નહીં હોવાથી સમસ્યા ઊભી થઈ રહી છે. વેપારીઓની રજૂઆતને પગલે ચેમ્બર દ્વારા કેન્દ્રીય નાણા મંત્રી સમક્ષ આ સમસ્યાનો ઉકેલ લાવવા રજૂઆત કરવામાં આવી છે.

Minimum wage hike opposed

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Ahmedabad: Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has opposed the minimum wage hike proposed by the state government. GCCI said that the draft notification of the labour and employment department has proposed more than 25% increase in minimum wages, much higher than what Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh had proposed. GCCI has said that the increase should not be more than 10%.

In a letter to the labour and employment department, GCCI president Hemant Shah said that the industry was passing through a difficult phase after Covid but the workers have been paid full wages.

"However, if the proposed hike of 25% is implemented as the draft notification of May 5, it will create huge burden on the industry and companies may shift to other states. Gujarat has MSMEs, and high labour costs will make it difficult for them to sustain themselves," he said.

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ગુજરાત ચેમ્બરની નવી ટીમ ત્રીજી જુલાઈએ ચાર્જ સંભાળશે

» સિનિયર વાઈસ પ્રેસિડેન્ટ અને વાઈસ પ્રેસિડેન્ટ બિનહરીફ થઈ ગયા બાદ જુદી-જુદી કેટેગરીમાં ચૂંટણી થવાની સંભાવના હતી

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■ ગુજરાત ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ એન્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીના સિનિયર વાઈસ પ્રેસિડેન્ટપદ માટે સહકારી અગ્રણી અજય પટેલ ઉમેદવારી નોંધાવતા તમામ ઉમેદવારોએ તેમને સહર્ષ સ્વીકારી લીધા હતા. વાઈસ પ્રેસિડેન્ટ માટે પણ યોગેશ પરીખ બિન હરીફ થઈ જતા ચેમ્બરના મહત્વના હોદ્દા માટેની ચૂંટણી ટળી ગઈ હતી. જુદી જુદી કેટેગરી માટે વપારે ઉમેદવારોએ ઉમેદવારી કરી હોવાથી ચૂંટણી થાય તેવી સંભાવના

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હતી. આખરે સિનિયર સભ્યોની દબલગીરીથી તમામ કેટેગરીઓ સમરસ થઈ જતા ચેમ્બરની ચૂંટણી ટળી ગઈ છે. કેટેગરીમાં મદનલાલ જેનને ઉમેદવારી પરત ખેંચતા સત્તાવાર રીતે ચેમ્બરે નવી ટીમ સમરસ થઈ ગઈ હોવાની જાહેરાત કરી દીધી હતી. પ્રમુખ પશ્ચિમ પટવારીની આગેવાનીમાં નવી ટીમ ત્રીજી જુલાઈએ ચેમ્બરનું સુક્રમ સંભાળશે.

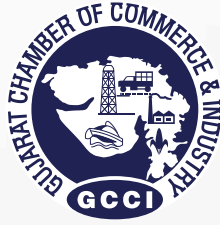
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