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# એનઆરજી ટાઈમ્સ

પાક્ષિક

પ્રકાશક: એનઆરજી ફાઉન્ડેશન, ગાંધીનગર

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## ડી.ડી.૧૧ના માધ્યમથી મુખ્યમંત્રીશ્રી વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સ્વર્ણિમ સંકલ્પ લેવડાવશે

સૂરત: સૂરત-તાપી જિલ્લાના ૧૨૫૩ ગામોમાં ડી.ડી. ૧૧ દૂરદર્શનના માધ્યમથી મુખ્યમંત્રીશ્રી નરેન્દ્રભાઈ મોદી તા.૫-૮-૨૦૦૮ના રોજ બરોબર ૧૦-૩૦ કલાકે જિલ્લાના તમામ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સ્વર્ણિમ સંકલ્પ લેવડાવશે અને તેનું જીવંત પ્રસાર સૂરત-તાપી જિલ્લાના ગ્રામજનો સાક્ષી બને તેવી વ્યવસ્થા જિલ્લા પ્રશાસન તરફથી કરવામાં

આવી છે. જિલ્લાની તમામ પ્રાથમિક-માધ્યમિક શાળા, ઉ.મા.શાળા અને કોલેજમાં ટીવી સેટની વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવી છે અને તમામ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ મોટી સંખ્યામાં હાજર રહી આ જીવંત પ્રસારણને જોઈ શકે તેવી વ્યવસ્થા જિલ્લા પ્રાથમિક અને માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણાધિકારીશ્રી ધ્વારા કરવામાં આવી છે.

આ અંગે શિક્ષકોને વિશેષ જવાબદારી સોંપી નોડલ વિસ્તારો આપીને જીવંત પ્રસારણને લોકો સારી રીતે જોઈ શકે અને માણી શકે તેવી વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવી છે. પાંચમી સપ્ટેમ્બર શિક્ષકદિનની ઉજવણી સાથે સાથે સ્વર્ણિમ ગુજરાત કાર્યક્રમની ઉજવણી તેમજ નિરોગી બાળ વર્ષની ઉજવણી નિમિત્તે પ્રત્યેક શાળામાં તૈયારીઓ ચાલી રહી છે.

## Chief Minister urges to maintain peace and tranquil: Appeals to cooperate in maintaining Law and order

Ahmedabad: Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi has condemned the serial bomb-blast in Ahmedabad. It is a cowardice act of terrorists against the humanity.

He has urged the people to maintain peace and tranquil during the hour of crisis. He also appealed the people to cooperate the measures taken by the State Government maintaining law and order.

The act of terrorism is intended to disturb peace and harmony in the State. He indicated stern actions against the outfits involved in the heinous act. Those who want to destroy peace and tranquil would never succeed in their intentions, he added.

Source : Information Bureau, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

## Chennai is the Venue for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2009

Parvasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is the annual flagship event of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) which aims to connect more 25 Million Indians with India's Economic and Social development. The Ministry is organizing Seventh edition of the PBD on 7-9 January, 2009 in Chennai, the South Indian city in Tamilnadu.

The role of overseas Indians in the country's emergence as a global power will be the main theme. The event will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and President Pratibha Patil will address the concluding session of the three-day meet.

During the annual meet, the Diaspora's role in India's emergence as a global power will be the focus of

deliberations. The congregation of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) will also dwell upon aspects like preservation of language and culture and health concerns of Indian Diaspora. Regional working sessions of the Diaspora residing in the Gulf, Asia-Pacific, Africa, USA, Europe, Caribbean and Canada will be organized.

A special trade and industry exhibition during the event with corporate, state governments, NGOs and financial institutions as participants will also be held as part of the convention, an official statement said.

Early this year, more than 1,500 participants from 50 countries had attended the PBD 2008 meet.

(www.gopio.net)

## Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi or "Vinayak Chaturthi" is one of the major traditional festivals celebrated by the Hindu community. It is observed in the Hindu calendar month of Bhadrapada, starting on the shukla chaturthi (fourth day of the waxing moon period). Typically the day falls sometime between August 20 and September 15. The festival lasts for 10 days, ending on Ananta Chaturdashi, and is traditionally celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesha.

According to Hindu mythology, Lord Ganesha is the son of Shiva (The God of Destruction in the Hindu Holy Trinity of Creator-Preserver-Destroyer) and Parvati (Shiva's consort). The cutest and most lovable Indian God, Ganesha or Ganpati has the head of an elephant on which rests an elegant tiara, four podgy hands joined to a sizeable belly with each hand holding its own symbolic object - a trishul or a



trident in one, an ankush or goad (made from his very own broken tooth) in another, a lotus in the third and a rosary (which is sometimes replaced by modaks, his favourite sweet) in the fourth. Revered as the deity of auspiciousness and wisdom, Lord Ganesha is also famous for being a trickster and for his profound sense of humour.

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કેનેડા સ્થિત ડૉ. જશુભાઈ પટેલ તરફથી તેમના વતન અંતરોલી (તા. કપડવંજ, જિ. ખેડા)માં પ્રાથમિક શાળામાં કોમ્પ્યુટર અને પ્રિન્ટર માટે રૂ. ૨.૫૦ લાખનું અનુદાન આપેલ છે.

# Tarnetar Fair : The Most Colourful and Vibrant Fair of Gujarat

The Tarnetar Fair popularly known as the Trinetrishwar Mahadev Mela revolves around the sacred temple 'Trinetrishwar'. The Fair begins in the Bhadarva Sud - 4th, 5th and 6th is today visited by more than 1 lakh people belonging to various tribes like Rabri, Kathi, Charans, Bharwads, Koli and other castes. With an unbiased spirit, people gather here to participate in the fair filled with fun and frolic. Over the years, visiting the holy temple of Trinetrishwar and bathing in the holy water of the Kund adjacent to the temple has been traditionally followed by the pilgrims visiting Tarnetar.

Religious rituals are performed at the Trinetrishwar temple during the 3 days festival. Groups of sages belonging to the Margi Panth gather here enhancing the festive occasion with

religious and melodious Bhajans of Lord Shiva. The pandits and pilgrims performing pujas add a religious touch to the festival.

The Tarnetar Fair is connected with Arjun, the Pandava Hero. It is believed that he won the hand of princess Draupadi in a Swayamvar (an assembly of princes where a princess chose her suitor). Arjun showed his skill at archery to win Draupadi. The fair is held at Tarnetar near Thangadh in Saurashtra. Youth from various ethnic tribes dressed in their finery come to this fair to choose their life partner. They sit under specially embroidered umbrellas. These umbrellas are embroidered by the youths themselves. A fair full of dances, music and colours. The dances of ethnic groups are not to be missed an



unforgettable experience.

## How to reach

• **Nearest Airport is:** Rajkot - 65 kms and Ahmedabad - 200 kms. • **Nearest Railway Station** is Thangadh - 11 kms. • **By Road:** Ahmedabad - 193 kms, Surendranagar - 40 kms and Rajkot - 65 kms.

• **Accommodation**  
The Tourism Department of Gujarat arranges tented accommodation at the site of the Fair. A few well-decorated mud huts with modern amenities are also made available.

For more details visit [www.tarnetar.com](http://www.tarnetar.com)

## Introduction Gujarati Cultural Association of Bay Area (GCA)

Gujarati Cultural Association of Bay Area (GCA) was established in 1979. GCA was established to fulfill and maintain the cultural heritage of the community that originates from the state of Gujarat in India.

Currently the Gujarati population in Bay Area is around 7000 to 10000. Current GCA roster has 3060 members. The education level within the community is varied. However it can be safely assumed that most are at least high school graduates. Many have advanced degrees in Engineering, Medicine and Business.

The goals of GCA include providing a climate for conducting charitable functions and religious activities; perpetuating the cultural aspects such as fine arts, music, dance, etc; conducting programs of entertainment value such as drama, movies, etc; conducting educational programs (language classes, etc) and other services to the Gujarati community as shall be decided by the members and Board of Directors; and to promote and foster amongst all people a spirit of goodwill, understanding and devotion.

(<http://www.gcabayarea.netfirms.com>)

## Ganesh Chaturthi

It is believed that Lord Ganesh was born on a fourth day (chaturthi) of the bright fortnight of the Hindu lunar month of Magh. Since then, an association between Ganesh and chaturthi has been established. Thus the festival dedicated to the worship of Lord Ganesha on this chaturthi day is named as Ganesh Chaturthi.

([www.theholidayspot.com](http://www.theholidayspot.com))

## On-Line Registration starts off for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas-2009 Vayalar Ravi Launches website for PBD Chennai

On-Line registration for the 7th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) started off today with the Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs Mr. Vayalar Ravi launching the website ([www.pbdindia.org](http://www.pbdindia.org)) of the Convention in New Delhi.

The Convention is scheduled to be held at the Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai on 07-09 January 2009. The event is being organised by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in partnership with the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is the institutional partner. It is the first PBD Convention being organised in Chennai. Highlighting the various benefits from the convention, the Minister expected 1500 to 2000 delegates to take part in

the Chennai meet. He said, it is the government's effort to take the convention to different places in the country.

The website provides for on-line registration of delegates for PBD-2009 apart from providing other details like the programme schedule, hotels, pre and post conference optional tour programmes, etc. Indians can register for the convention by paying 10000 rupees, while those not holding Indian passports will have to pay 200 US dollars for participation.

The theme of the 7th PBD is **Engaging the Diaspora: The Way Forward**. The deliberations will include the Diaspora role in India's emergence as a global power, preservation of their language and Culture and the role of Diaspora Youth in the 21st

Century India. Regional Working Sessions on Diaspora in the Gulf, Asia-Pacific, Africa, USA, Europe, Caribbean and Canada are also envisaged.

Building-the-Bridges Sessions have been planned on 'Trade & Investment', 'Diaspora Philanthropy', 'Education & Diaspora Knowledge Network', Media and Entertainment' and 'Tourism' and separate Sessions with State governments are also planned.

A Trade and Industry Exhibition with participation from Corporate sector, Financial Institutions, State Governments, NGOs and others and a market place of Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) are being organised at the PBD-2009.

(<http://moia.gov.in>)