

Happy Birthday to Gandhinagar



આજે 2જી ઓગસ્ટ ગાંધીનગરનો ૫૩મો જન્મદિન છે. . .

ગુજરાત રાજ્યના પાટનગર ગાંધીનગરની બીજી ઓગસ્ટ ૧૯૬૫ના રોજ સ્થાપના થઈ હતી.. એક સમયનું સુમસાન ભાસતું આંધીનગર અત્યારે કર્મચારીનગરની છાપ ભુંસીને સંસ્કૃતિનગર બની ગયું છે. એટલું જ નહીં, આવનારા દિવસોમાં સોલારસીટી, ગ્રીનસીટી, મોડલ સીટી, ક્લીનસીટી, સ્માર્ટ સીટીના તાજ લાગવાના છે તો મહાત્મામંદિર અને ગીફ્ટ સીટીની નવી ઓળખ પણ ગાંધીનગરને છેલ્લા વર્ષમાં મળી છે.

ગુજરાત રાજ્યની અલગ રચનાના પાંચ વર્ષ પછી બીજી ઓગસ્ટ, ૧૯૬૫ના રોજ પાટનગર ગાંધીનગરની સ્થાપના માટે પ્રથમ ઇંટ જીંદબીના ગેસ્ટહાઉસના નિર્માણ માટે મુકાઈ હતી. ગાંધીનગરની રચનામાં જુદાં જુદાં ૧૨ ગામોની ૨૩૮૨ ખેડૂતોની ૧૦,૫૦૦ એકર ખેતીની જમીન તેમજ ૫૦૦૦ એકર ગૌચર - ખરાબાની કિંમતી જમીન વપરાઈ છે. ૧લી મે, ૧૯૭૦થી સચિવાલય કાર્યરત થવા સાથે સેક્ટર-૨૯ અને સે-૨૮માં વસવાટ શરૂ થયો હતો.

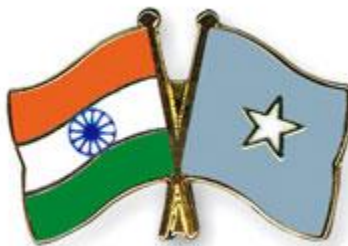
Shahid Abbasi is as PM of Pakistan



Shahid Khaqan Abbasi is elected as the 18th Prime Minister of Pakistan by the National Assembly. He was petroleum minister. Abbasi, secured 221 votes in the House of 342.

Born on 27th December 1958. Prior to entering politics, he was an electrical engineer and businessman. A member of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (N) (PML-N), Abbasi previously served as the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources in the third Sharif ministry from 2013 to 2017, and briefly held the cabinet portfolio of Minister for Commerce in the Gillani ministry in 2008.

India, Somalia ink agreement : Transfer of prisoners

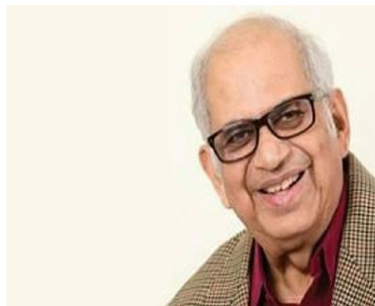


India and Somalia signed an agreement for transfer of sentenced prisoners after a meeting between their foreign ministers, who discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including issues of piracy and maritime security. After the meeting inbetween external Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Foreign Minister of Somalia Yusuf Garaad Omar, discuss on regional issues pertaining to developments in the Gulf region and India's neighbourhood.

“An Agreement for Transfer of Sentenced Persons between India and Somalia was also signed,” it said. The agreement will help Indian inmates imprisoned in Somalia or vice versa be near their families while serving the remainder of their sentence and also facilitate their social rehabilitation.

The Indian Navy has been involved in anti-piracy patrolling in the Gulf of Aden since 2008. India is also a member of the UN Contact Group on Piracy off the coast of Somalia.

Famous scientist Dr Pushpa Mitra Bhargava is dead



Dr PM Bhargava, the founder-director of Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) died on 1st August. He was 89.

He belonged to the generation of nation building scientists, who built the edifice of Indian science. He was an internationally recognized molecular biologist, thinker, and institution builder.

His interests and engagements covered science as well as art and culture and their relation to society. He remained deeply engaged in social issues, particularly those relating to the impact of science on society in India and the world. His extraordinary energy and commitment will continue to always inspire scientists in future endeavours, said an official press release.

Bhargava is recipient of over 100 national and international honours and awards, including the Padma Bhushan in 1986 and the Legion d'Honneur in 1998 from then President of France.

Born in Rajasthan's Ajmer, Bhargava studied at Theosophical College, Lucknow and

Queen's College, Varanasi and completed his BSc in 1944 in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

Born in Ajmer on February 22, 1928. He had earned his Ph.D. in synthetic organic chemistry from Lucknow University. He had started his career with Central Laboratories for Scientific and Industrial Research....

Dr Bhargava set up the Centre of Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad, Telangana. CCMB is a research organization in areas of modern biology. It was set up initially as a semi-autonomous centre on April 1, 1977 with the Biochemistry Division of the then Regional Research Laboratory (presently, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, IICT) Hyderabad forming its nucleus and Dr P M Bhargava heading the new Centre. During 1981–82, CCMB was accorded the status of a full-fledged national laboratory with its own Executive Committee and Scientific Advisory Council.

Dr Bhargava has been a well-known critic of Indian governmental policies, and has attained the post of Vice-Chairman in the National Knowledge Commission. He has also served as a member in the National Security Advisory Board and nominee of the Supreme Court of India on the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee of the Government of India.

[What is e-Rakam???](#)



The government launched a portal, e-RaKAM, to provide a platform to sell agricultural produce.

E-RaKAM is a first-of-its-kind initiative that leverages technology to connect farmers of the smallest villages to the biggest markets of the world through internet and e-RaKAM centres.

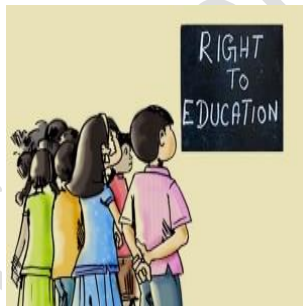
E-RaKAM is developed by state-run-auctioneer MSTC Limited and supported by marketing & logistics partner CRWC(Central Warehousing Corporation) Limited.

E-RaKAM is a digital initiative bringing together the farmers, FPOs, PSUs, civil supplies and buyers on a single platform to ease the selling and buying process of agricultural products.

Under this initiative, e-RaKAM centres are being developed in a phased manner throughout the country to facilitate farmers for online sale of their produce.

The statement said farmers would be paid through e-Payment directly into their bank accounts under the e-RaKAM initiative.

[Parliament has passed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education \(Amendment\) Bill, 2017](#)



Parliament has passed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017 with Rajya Sabha approving it Tuesday. Lok Sabha had passed it earlier.

The bill provides for training of eleven lakh untrained teachers working in government and private schools in next two years through off-line and on-line modes.

The Minister said training will help improve the standards of teachers and education and also ensures job security of the teachers. The Minister said the untrained teachers will start the training programme from 2nd October this year and teachers will have to get themselves registered between 15th August and 15th September 2017.

The RTE Act, 2009 envisages free and compulsory elementary education to every child in the age group of 6-14 years. The amendments to RTE Act, 2009 will enable the in-service untrained elementary teachers to complete their training and ensure that all

teachers at the elementary level have certain minimum standard of qualifications in order to maintain the standard of teaching quality.

Government constitutes Committee to study issues related to data protection



The central government has constituted an expert panel, which would study various issues relating to data protection in the country and suggest a draft data protection Bill. The 10-member panel is headed by Justice (retired) B N Srikrishna

The panel comprising of members from government, academia and industry will study and identify key data protection issues and recommend methods to address them. The panel includes Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary, Department of Telecom; Ajay Bhushan Pandey, CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India; Ajay Kumar, Additional Secretary, IT Ministry; Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator; and Rajat Moona, Director, IIT Raipur, Arghya Sengupta and Rama Vedashree.

Rama Vedashree is CEO of Data Security Council of India. "When Aadhaar-enabled payment systems proliferate, host of data is deployed at merchants of which some can be phone-based, some through PoS devices. When an entire ecosystem is so closely connected, security by design becomes default," The Times of India quoted her as saying in April.

Aruna Sundararajan is Secretary, Department of Telecom.

Rajat Moona, Director, IIT Raipur, is a key member in the panel. The former Director General of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing had in 2015 said that Aadhaar made e-KYC and e-signatures possible.

Ajay Bhushan Pandey is CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India, (UIDAI). UIDAI is the nodal agency for implementing Aadhaar.

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