

26 countries to partner VGGGS 2024



Gandhinagar: Ten more countries have been added to the list of nations partnering with Gujarat for the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGGS), to be held in Gandhinagar from January 10 to 12. With this addition, the total number of partner countries for VGGGS now stands at 26.

State government officials said that the US and Canada are still not on the list but are expected to be added soon.

The partner countries so far include Japan, Finland, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Mozambique, Estonia, UAE, Australia, UK, Netherlands, Norway, Nepal, Thailand, Bangladesh, Germany, Egypt, Malaysia, Singapore, Czech Republic, Poland, Tanzania, Kenya, Uruguay, Indonesia, Rwanda, and Malta.

Partner organizations for VGGGS 2024 will be the American Chamber of Commerce in India (AMCHAM India), Canada India Foundation, EPIC India-University of Chicago, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), Indo-African Chamber of Commerce & Industry, International Solar Alliance, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Netherlands Business Support Office (NBSO), Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India, UAE India Business

Council, US India Business Council (USIBC), US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), and the Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM).

By contributing towards the success of VGGGS, partner countries and organi-

zations play a pivotal role in strengthening bilateral relations.

They have played an important role in promoting the upcoming summit on various platforms to further enhance collaboration, trade, and investment opportunities. Over the last nine editions of the summit, partner countries and organizations have also contributed towards socio-economic and cultural collaborations. Government sources said that all partner countries will receive free space at the exhibition to be held alongside the summit. Special seminars with focus on partner countries will also be held, the sources said.

Civil Hospital records one cadaver donation a week



Ahmedabad: On Wednesday, Ahmedabad Civil Hospital in Asarwa marked three years of cadaver organ donation. In the past three years, the hospital has recorded 139 cadaver donations out of which 443 organs were retrieved. On average, it records one cadaver donation every week, said officials. Dr Rakesh Joshi, medical superintendent of Civil Hospital, said that the organs retrieved include 244 kidneys, 119 livers, 39 hearts, 9 pancreas, 12 pairs of lungs, three pairs of hands, and two small intestines. Of the total donors,

105 are men and 34 women. "There were several firsts in the journey, including retrieval of pair of hands and small intestine, three cadaver donations in a day, and five straight days of cadaver donations," he said. State Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organization (SOTTO) officials said that each cadaver donated reduces dependence on living donors in case of organs such as liver and kidney. In the past three years, the hospital has recorded 139 cadaver donations out of which 443 organs were retrieved. On average, it records one cadaver donation every week, said officials.

NBA-recognized pvt colleges seek 3-year affiliation with GTU



Ahmedabad: The association of private technical colleges has demanded that Gujarat Technological University (GTU) exempt colleges recognized by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) from renewing their affiliation every year and extend the affiliation term to three years. Following the recently announced guidelines of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), the GTU on Tuesday announced the process of affiliation for the new institutes for 2024-25. The guidelines mandate that all engineering and pharmacy colleges must renew their affiliation every year. The association, however, said NBA-recognized colleges have al-

ready undergone extensive inspections and met all the stringent parameters so they should be exempted from the yearly affiliation process. Instead, the university should extend the affiliation period to three years. GTU has fixed January 25 as the deadline for new colleges and courses. The administrations that have applied for new colleges are required to submit their affidavits by February 2. The university will verify the applications and inform the applicants about their status on February 7. In case of queries, the applicants will be required to give updates and corrections, and the final report will be announced on February 15.

Sanjiv Bhatt granted bail in evidence fabrication case

Ahmedabad: A city sessions court has granted regular bail to ex-IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt in connection with the charges of fabricating evidence to frame Prime Minister Narendra Modi and 62 others in cases related to post-Godhra riots.

Bhatt was booked in the case along with social activist Teesta Setalvad and retired DGP R B Sreekumar on June 25, 2022, a day after the Supreme Court rejected an appeal filed by Zakia Jafri. She had appealed against the closure report filed by an SIT on her complaint to probe a larger conspiracy and allegations of involvement of Modi and others in the conspiracy. The apex court had remarked about the elements that wanted to keep the pot boiling. Bhatt was arrested through a transfer warrant from Palanpur jail, where he has been lodged as an undertrial in a 1996 NDPS case. After being granted bail on Thursday, Bhatt's incarceration is likely to continue as the trial in the NDPS case is in its final stage. Moreover, he has also been sentenced to life imprisonment in a 1990 custodial death case in Jamodhpur. tnn A city sessions court has granted regular bail to ex-IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt in connection with the charges of fabricating evidence to frame Prime Minister Narendra Modi and 62 others in the criminal conspiracy behind the post-Godhra riots of 2002. Bhatt was booked in the case along with social activist Teesta Setalvad and retired DGP RB Sreekumar on June 25, 2022.

Bullet train project sees substantial progress in 2023



AHMEDABAD: The near-completion of the multimodal transit hub at Sabarmati station, commencement of work for the first 7km of the undersea rail passage and completion of a 350m mountain tunnel in just 10 months were among the milestones achieved in the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited's (NHSRCL) Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project during 2023.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, officials said that the undersea route at Thane Creek is part of a 21km tunnel between the Bandra-Kurla Complex in Mumbai and Shilphata in Thane district.

The officials said that the completion of a mountain tunnel with a length of 350m and a diameter of 12.6m near Zaroli village of Valsad district was another highlight of the project this year.

Laying of the first reinforced concrete track bed for the bullet train corridor, as used in Japan's Shinkansen rail network, has begun in Surat and Anand. This is the first time that the 'J'-slab bal-

last-less' track system is being used in India.

The officials said that completion of work over six of the 24 rivers on the route and acquisition of nearly 99.95 per cent of the total land for the project were also among the key highlights. This year, NHSRCL has awarded all civil contracts for the project. Work on eight stations in Gujarat on the corridor — Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Anand, Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Sabarmati — are under various stages of construction, the statement said.

Civil works for stations have started along with works on Surat and Sabarmati high-speed rail depots. The project covers 508km, including 352km in Gujarat and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and 156km in Maharashtra.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japan's former prime minister Shinzo Abe had launched the project in Ahmedabad on September 14, 2017.

A proposal to award a drainage line contract has been stalled due to allegations of forged signa-

tures. Yogi Construction, the lowest bidder, submitted MoUs with forged signatures of a Chinese firm's director. The water and sewage committee decided to stall the proposal and verify the signatures before making a decision. Vishwa, the second lowest bidder, raised objections to awarding the contract to Yogi Construction.

The government plans to drain out the water in the area where workers are stuck to salvage the Silkyra tunnel project in Uttarkashi. The delay in pumping out the water can cause further damage to the excavated portion. Excavation can now only be done from the Barkot side. The contractor suggested sending a worker inside the tunnel through a pipe to switch on the motor and drain out the water. Ministry officials prioritize safety and all agencies are working together to salvage the project.

A pilot project has been launched in Panchmahal and Banaskantha districts of Gujarat to open bank accounts for all members of cooperative societies in District Central Cooperative Banks and distribute Rupay Kisan Credit Cards. The success of this project will be replicated across the country to expand rural cooperative banks. The project aims to provide liquidity to rural cooperative society members. During the pilot phase, there has been a significant increase in funds and transactions through Rupay Kisan Credit Cards in both districts. The Rupay Kisan Credit Card provides credit support to farmers in the agricultural and allied sectors.

Junagadh's snacks-for-plastic cafe helps recycle 3k kg waste in 1.5 years



RAJKOT: Foodies in Junagadh gorged on nearly 2,000 kg of organic snacks and beverages, but the bills they paid were in plastic money, quite literally.

The innovative 'Prakrutik Plastic Cafe' that started June 2022 collected 3,000 kg of plastic to date for which it served aloo parathas, poha, theplas, fennel juice, lemon water, etc in the last 18 months.

The cafe was mooted to create awareness about recycling by serving food in lieu of plastic waste instead of money.

Locals visiting this cafe give away their household plastic and they are served juices made from fennel, lemon and betel leaves for every 500gm waste. For every one kg of plastic, they can relish plates of dhokias, theplas, poha, and aloo parathas.

Komal Ganatra, who manages the cafe, said, "The concept of snacks-for-plastic has been enthusiastically welcomed by people. Some people even bring plastic waste from cities as far as Rajkot from their relatives' houses to our cafe."

This cafe, run by the women of Sakhi Mandal with the help of the district administration, sees 60-70 customers daily for lunch. People can also pay by cash and the cafe

has earned nearly Rs 9 lakh in 18 months.

Cafe earned ₹25k by selling plastic In the first month after starting this cafe, 164 kg of plastic waste was collected in July 2022. The collection went down to 60 kg in December 2022 and January 2023 but picked up later with the highest being 350 kg

in November.

The cafe sold the plastic waste to the companies engaged in recycling the plastic waste and earned Rs 25,000 by selling 3,000 kg.

Interestingly, a local wildlife lover collected 4 kg of plastic by scouring through the forest, dam site, and Datar foothill and gave it to the cafe. The USP of this hangout has been organic food. The cafe uses organically grown vegetables to prepare all delicacies and avoids items made from refined flour (maida). The food and juices are also served in utensils made from clay.

"We have contracts with some farmers engaged in organic farming to buy vegetables from them. Visitors mostly bring in polythene bags, plastic bottles, jars, milk pouches etc.

Bogus Aadhar card racket busted in Una

Rajkot: A racket of making fake Aadhar cards was busted in the Una town of Gir-Somnath district with the police arresting three people.

The local crime branch (LCB) sleuths had raided a premise near the Una bus station a few days ago after getting specific information that these people were making Aadhar cards, mostly of migrants, without the requirement of any documents. Police suspect the racket to be much bigger. Those arrested were Aslam Sheikh, Sabir Sumra and Javid alias Bhuro Mansuri.

One of their victims, Sanjay Devipujak, told police in his complaint that he had no documents but wanted an Aadhar card in his name. He got to know about this centre

and approached the trio who demanded Rs 4,000 to make the card without any documentation. However, the final amount was fixed at Rs 1,200. They took his biometric fingerprints and clicked his photos also. The Aadhar card was delivered to his house. Devipujak did not verify it then but got to know that it was fake after getting to know that the cops had raided their premises. According to sources, the gang has been issuing bogus Aadhar cards to people coming from Nepal and some people from Diu who have renounced Indian citizenship. The police are investigating how long they had been running this centre and how many bogus Aadhar cards they have issued.

Hudco to invest 14,500 crore

Gandhinagar: The state government on Wednesday signed MoUs worth Rs 24,707 crore with various companies as a prelude to the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGGS) which will be held next month in Gandhinagar.

The 30 MoUs which were signed on Wednesday are expected to generate more than 38,000 employment opportunities in various sectors including mineral based projects, manufacturing, chemicals and petrochemicals, green energy, textiles and apparels industrial parks, engineering, animal healthcare, ethanol manufacturing, automobile and the like. State-owned Hudco on Wednesday said it has entered into a pact with the Gujarat government to invest up to Rs 14,500 crore for financing of housing and urban infrastructure projects. The state government intends for overall development of Gujarat by implementing various housing and infrastructure projects, according to a regulatory filing. Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd has "executed a memorandum of understanding with the state government of Gujarat for an investment up to Rs 14,500 crore for financing the housing and urban infrastructure projects in the state of Gujarat," the filing said. Being a techno-financial institution, Hudco is in the business of providing financial assistance for housing and urban development projects in the country. The study by Colliers India predicts that Gujarat could play a significant role in India's manufacturing market reaching \$1 trillion by 2025-26. Gujarat achieved the highest investment in the manufacturing sector in 2023, exceeding Rs 30,000 crore. The state has the lowest unemployment rate at 4% and offers well-developed ports, robust connectivity, stable governance, affordable land availability, and supportive policies.

3 held for forging bank statements of visa seekers in Gandhinagar

AHMEDABAD: The CID (Crime) on Wednesday arrested three persons running an emigration consultancy firm in Kudasan area of Gandhinagar for allegedly forging bank account statements of visa applicants.

Based on a report from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), the sleuths arrested Avkash Chaudhary, Sahil Patel and Krunal Varia on Wednesday on the charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, and forgery under Sections 120 (B), 467, 468 and 471, according to the release.

The investigation revealed the trio used to prepare forged statements of their clients' bank accounts and attach the forged documents with their visa applications for speedy approvals from the authorities.

The cops said the embassy officials review bank statements to ensure that visa seekers meet the financial requirements for their intended stay in the host country. The forged bank statement would show that the applicant had enough cash in their account to support him during the visit. Recently, the cops received inputs that people were acquiring student visas as well as work permits from Canada and the US by submitting forged bank documents and certificates. Based on the inputs, the cops raided 17 different places across Gujarat on December 15 and seized some suspicious material from 'Future Planning Visa Consultancy' in the Kudasan area of Gandhinagar. They seized a laptop, a mobile, a pen drive and a computer hard disk from the spots and sent it to the FSL for analysis. The FSL found forged account statements of various banks in a mobile phone belonging to the accused, according to a statement from CID (Crime), after which the three were arrested.

Record 66 lakh registrations for Khel Mahakumbh 2.0

Gandhinagar: The annual state-wide sports competition — Khel Mahakumbh 2.0, got off to a start on Wednesday evening with a record number of 66 lakh registrations in 39 sporting events. Inaugurating the event at TransStadia in Ahmedabad, chief minister Bhupendra Patel said that Khel Mahakumbh has provided the platform for potential in sports. Speaking at the event, minis-



ter for sports Harsh Sanghavi, congratulated the participants for registering in Khel Mahakumbh in record numbers and added that the gov-

ernment has changed the rules to allow one participant to register for two sports events instead of one. "Khel Mahakumbh has changed the perception of Gujarat. The state has produced national and international sports personalities and this year the government has announced cash prizes worth Rs 45 crore for the winners in seven different categories," Sanghavi said.

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