

Sky will be clear. Sunset 1811 hrs 0722 hrs Sunrise Moonrise 0432 hrs Moonset 1544 hrs

Temperature Maximum 24.9°C Minimum 9.1°C Humidity 67%

Forecast

Weather will be mainly sunny in all districts of Gujarat state & in Diu, Daman, Dadra Nagar





Inauguration of GIFT City today

CM Narendra Modi will inaugurate GIFT One, Gujarat's tallest tower, in Gandhinagar on Thursday. The 29-storey structure is the first of the many proposed buildings in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). The building, being projected as an international financial services centre

JAINS & HINDUS SPAR OVER SHRINE

Dispute over construction around idol and footprint of Girnar temple reaches Gujarat high court PG4



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VENEZUELA SANS CHAVEZ?

Opposition questions govt's legality as leader's inauguration is delayed

PG 11

We should explore ways and means to encourage further participation by the diaspora to give additional impetus to India's growth story. -Pranab Mukherjee



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people who come to the

hotel to drop the visitors,

In hotels that don't have

such as taxi drivers."

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are located.

-MR Sharma, police

inspector of Vastrapur

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VGS participants

118 MoUs signed at ICAI

145 institutions from 56 countries, and 52 | Collaborations involve student and faculty from India participate in the event

exchanges, and joint research activities



While many feel knowledge is invaluable, it does create wealth; for 118 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) for partnership in higher education were signed on first day of International Conference of Academic Institutions (ICAI) at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), Gandhinagar.

Wednesday saw Gujarat CM Narendra Modi inaugurate the ICAI meet, in presence of repre-sentatives from 145 international institutions of 56 countries. Fifty-two institutions from 14 states of India and 67 others from Gujarat participated in the event.

Modi hailed ICAI as the most important event of Vibrant Gujarat 2013. "India is the youngest country in the world with 65% of its population under 35 years of age. By 2020, the aver-age Indian will be 28 or 29. This is a tremendous opportunity (for India) to supply skilled manpower to the world," said Modi at the event. "We should plan all our future schemes and projects, focusing on the youth. We can equip ourselves with skills for creating workforce of the world. This conference is an honest effort in that direction.' A host of international delegates spoke on the occasion about various subjects of higher education. They shared their experiences, views and case studies in seven seminars. Day One also saw discussion on building world-class institutions, internationalisation of

higher education, excellence in research through internation-alisation, and development of skill, building of innovation ecosystem and creating centre of excellence through institution-industry interface.



Share for better research, emphasise academicians

DNA Correspondent

Global academicians, who gathered at the international conference for academic institute (ICAI) under Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2013, discussed the importance of international collaborations for research. These experts who came from United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and Singapore were of the opinion that with more investment in international tie-up for research work, the better chances universities will have to solve their problems, innovate and lend a helping hand.

Speaking at one of the sessions on Research Excellence through Internationalization, the assis-

education

ICAI seminar on research through internationalisation saw participation from Australia, Canada & UK

tant director of British Council India's Internationalising Higher Education, Manjula Rao said that UK has made plenty of efforts to promote collaborative research with other countries like China, Germany. However, India's share in collaborative research globally is 21% share, which is very less compared to other countries like US, UK,

al collaboration were also discussed, which include faculty and student exchange, address-ing social problems with help of public private partnership model and roping in contribution from industries.

In the session, director (transnational education and alliance unit) University of Wollongong, Australia, Dr Bill Damachis; assistant vice president (research) University of Alberta Canada, Dr Sushanta Mitra; and executive director India Research Initiative, National University of Singapore Dr BVR Chowdhary also presented their experiences in international

collaborative research.



'Companies should invest in innovation³

CM Narendra Modi on Wednesday suggested corporate companies to invest in innovation and make it their focus area, like with their R&D and CSR activities. Gujarat currently lags in filing number of

at the innovation symposium organised by state government's department of science and technology at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA). At the symposium, which was themed 'Incubating Ideas till Adoption', Modi talked about few of innova-

The symposium was held as changing innovation scenario.

Innovation runs in Gujarat's blood, believes Dr T Ramasamy,

City police gear up to guard delegates

DNA Correspondent

Looking at the high number of national and foreign delegates coming for Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar, officials of Ahmedabad police have chalked out a plan to provide security during their safety. Our men stay at different hotels and will be deployed

clubs in the city. On Wednesday, Ajay Tomar, joint commissioner of police, Sector-1, met inspectors posted in the western part of the city, which houses a majority of high-end hotels.

According to DI Sisodiya, police inspector of Satellite, the agenda of the meeting was to make a detailed plan to provide security to delegates, mostly foreigners. "It was decided that two officers of Intelligence Bureau along with four persons from the local police station will handle the security of these delegates at each hotel. These cops will remain present in the hotel 24x7," said Sisodiya, who is mainly responsible for delegates staying at Courtyard Marriott.

The Fern and Cambay Hotel in Sola, St Laurn Towers and Fortune Landmark on Ashram Road, and Inder Residency in Ellisbridge are among hotels in the list.

The meeting was also x-ray scanning facility for attended by MR Sharma, luggage, it will be done police inspector of Vastra- manually, the police offipur, where Pride Hotel, cer added.

Gujaratilexicon adds Chinese, Japanese words

DNA Correspondent

A popular web-based, English to Gujarati dictionary has added 13 new services to its portfolio, including Japanese and Chinese resources. Global Gujaratilexicon,

for pronunciation in the

second phase. We will

also include other lan-

guages like French and

German; however, it will

depend on feedback of

The site will display the

Gujarati word and its Eng-

lish and Japanese mean-

ings, along with the pro-

nunciation in Gujarati.

The same feature will be

words. The website also

offers converted sentenc-

the users," she added.

China and Germany. In the seminar, different types of internation-

Lost in the crowd?

While many were involved in networking

with fellow delegates, this correspondent met

a group who weren't aware of what they were

seeking and what they can provide to Indian

institutes in terms of higher education. "We

were in the city to partner with Saurashtra

University, after which we are here to attend

the summit. We have no specific expectations

for collaboration from this summit," said one

of the members of this delegation.

Seminar mulls on taking education higher lows earning 8.5 billion pounds ev-India is yet to pick up pace among countries earning billions through

ery year." "While countries are eyeing it as an opportunity, India is yet to con-sider it (higher education) as major revenue earning source," he said.

DNA Correspondent

patents every year. The chief minister was speaking

tion projects in Gujarat, including the solar plant on Narmada Canal. part of Vibrant Gujarat 2013, aiming to sensitise participants with

will be showcased to investors during Vibrant Gujarat Summit. The project is being developed jointly by GIFT and IL&FS.

Takru is secv. fin services

Senior IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, Rajiv Takru, has been appointed as secretary of financial services in state's finance ministry. He will be heading the department, which oversees functioning of banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions. Takru has been given the key assignment, a promotion from his earlier post of additional secretary and financial advisor in the ministry of health and family welfare.

higher education, former executive director, US India Education Foun-dation (USIEF), Dr PJ Lavakare, said: "While many countries earn in bil-lions through Internationalization of higher education, India is no-where in the global map and is yet to utilize it as revenue." Dr Lavakare was addressing a seminar organized as part of conference titled 'Interna-tional Conference for Academic In-stitutions-2013 in Vibrant Guiarat.

hile presenting a global and national perspective on internatiolisation of

I'm not considering signing MoUs with institutes and industries here, as it is just one tool for collaborations. I'm looking forward to building partnership for research and utilising opportunity for exploring new dimensions of innovations." -Judith Wolfson, vice-president, University of Toronto

Presenting figures on how coun-tries earn billions through global-izing higher education, Dr Lavakare said, "From expanding the scope of higher education and making it in-ternational, the US is the highest gainer at \$21 billion, while UK fol-

internationalisation of

The seminar aimed at clearing the misconception that globalization leads to brain drain. It also talked on how internationalization also means preparing students and improving them for the huge world.

secretary of department of science and technology, Government of India. "Gujarat is the soil where seeds of innovation sown germinate into big businesses. Thus, state government should implement innovation policies for more trade ventures," said Ramasamy.

Gujarat is an example for developing countries, as entrepreneurship in the state is being promoted and government support for the same is tremendous. I'm an entrepreneur in Lesotho and I'm here to learn the same and apply it in my **Country."** -Lana Edwards, George Sanauoane, Lesotho (in Africa)

This is first time we are attending the summit. We're here to explore new dimensions in education and to collaborate with institutes (here) for higher education in our country. We are inclined towards developing research, faculty and student exchange for American University of Bosnia. Also, we can provide degrees on medical and paramedical science." - Dr Sead Avdic, Embassy of Bosnia

ASAN GELE

Engineers dominate CAT again

C achin Punjabi couldn't stop smiling on Wednesday. Quite obviously, as he scored 99.95 percentile in the Common Admission Test (CAT) 2012, results of which were declared on Wednesday. Punjabi is an engineering student of Nirma University, and his stellar performance reinforces the fact that engineers continue to dominate high scores in the test.

As per details available from private tutorials in the city, 15 students so far have scored

above 99 percentile. "Of them, only one student is of the commerce stream, while another is a doctor. Thirteen others are engineers." said Parasharan Chari, of one of the tutorials in the city.

One of the reasons for techies outperforming students of other streams could be that more engineers register for CAT, said Chari. Also, engineering students study mathematics even in college while others lose practice after school.

India stands united

Today's shocking news of Pakistan Army capturing two of Indian soldiers and beheading one of them and carrying the head as a mark of triumph has shocked the entire world. This shows the barbaric practice and thinking of some fanatic people of Pakistan, including the army chief. We all vehemently condemn such barbaric acts and India must send immediately some strong signals of dissatisfaction to Pakistan's political and army establishment, with zero tolerance. India also appraised international community via diplomatic channel including UN for an outright condemnation against Pakistan.

It seems Pakistan is instigating for another war with India, as directed by Taliban rulers. Pakistan cannot live

like a democratic country anymore, despite so many initiatives taken by two countries including cricket diplomacy, and media propaganda. Actually, people of Pakistan never want war, but rulers of Pakistan work on behest of all developed world who is clearly jealous of development of India ever since 1991 economic liberalization initiated by PV Narasimha Rao, the then PM of India. Developed countries are unable to digest of resilient economy of India which sustain worldwide recession and stand tall with just partial effect on Indian economy like oil, and export sectors. I am sure no one in the world can disturb present developed India – physically, eco-nomically and socially. Entire India is united on any kind of eventuality India may face. -Asim Boral, Ahmedabad

Stop the hypocrisy, get tough

Apropos of "Make Islamabad accountable", it's nothing less than hypocrisy the way India continues futile talks with Pakistan even as we keep losing valiant soldiers to their bullets. To keep the Kashmir issue alive, Pakistan's battalion are now adopting the ghastly Taliban approach, to behead Indian soldiers, in a repetition of the slaughter of Captain Saurabh Kalia during the 1999 Kargil conflict. Does the government have a spine strong enough to severe relations with Pakistan, perhaps even call off the cricket matches? Even the US has condemned this inhumane act by Pakistan soldiers. Also, India had better take up the matter with the International Court of Justice at the Hague, to prosecute the perpetrators six years, aims to bridge Gujarati with the leading global languages of the world.

which will soon complete

"Global Gujaratilexicon is coming up with Gujarati to Japanese and Gujarati to Chinese lexical resources. The project is being launched with 10,000 words in the first phase – 5,000 Japanese and 5,000 Chinese. It will also have 50 sentences," said Maitri Shah of Amino Technologies, which

maintains the website. The company believes that the website will help available for Chinese businesspersons, students, researchers. translators and tourists to find words es for basic communicathrough a single click.

of this attack as well as the

masterminds of the 26/11

-Deepak Chikramane,

Money or their lives

When I read about the attack

on Indian soldiers by Pak in-

truders, my heart sank. I re-

member a report some

months ago that the govern-

ment was planning to permit

FDI in telecom from Pakistan.

The report also had a picture

of PC Chidambaram shaking

hands with Pakistan's richest

man. Some time later. I read

another report that FEMA

restrictions had been lifted

on Pakistan and that the

State Bank of India was to

During the protests against

the gang rape of the 23-year-

old in Delhi, Sushil Kumar

Shinde justified the crack-

down on protestors, saying

open branches there.

terror attack.

Mumbai

"The site global.gujara-The site also features a tilexicon.com will be on- mobile application, a line from January 13. We graphical interface of the are planning to add some web portal, and dictionarother words, sentences ies specific to law, mediand audio-visual interface cal and technical fields.

tion.

the movement was politically motivated and the authorities appeared keen to clear the streets for the visit of Russian president Vladimir Putin. Defence deals amounting to Rs25,000 crore were signed between India and Russia during Putin's visit. To defend whom,

may I ask? Certainly not common citizens or to help our soldiers. And against whom? Not Pakistan, surely, as the country is now on our government's most favoured list! This is the outcome of a wellentrenched policy of running with the hare and hunting with the hound. It is my belief, and I hope that Aman Ki Asha participants realise this, that they are likely being used as a cover for a plan to channelise unaccounted money back into India via Pakistan. -Poornima Mepani, by email

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