



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

My Dear Members,

It is with immense optimism that I address you this month on a theme that is the very lifeblood of our business community: Global Trade. The landscape of international commerce is transforming at an unprecedented pace, and India, particularly our vibrant state of Gujarat, is at the heart of this evolution.

The recent passing of the Lading Bill 2025 in the lower house marks a significant step towards modernising and securing global supply chains. Closer to home, the finalization of the UK-India Free Trade Agreement is a landmark achievement, opening up a new era of opportunities for our industries. Furthermore, we are on the cusp of finalizing the much-anticipated FTA with the United States, a development that promises to unlock immense potential for our exporters and manufacturers.

These are not just policy headlines; they are gateways to new markets, new partnerships, and new heights of prosperity. At SGCCI, we are committed to helping you navigate this dynamic environment and seize the opportunities that lie ahead. Let us move forward with confidence and work together to make the most of this exciting new chapter in global trade... **Warm regards,**



NIKHIL MADRAS
PRESIDENT, SGCCI

FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR

Welcome to our August edition! This month, we delve into the exhilarating world of "Global Trade." It's a theme that resonates deeply with the spirit of Surat, a city built on the foundations of enterprise and international commerce. The recent breakthroughs on the global stage – from the new Lading Bill that will streamline shipping logistics to the historic trade agreements with the UK and the USA – are set to redefine our economic future. In this issue, we aim to unpack what these developments mean for you, our members. We provide you with insights and analyses to help you navigate the shifting tides and chart a course towards global success.

Happy Reading!

- SANJAY PUNJABI, EDITOR, INFOZINE

Textile

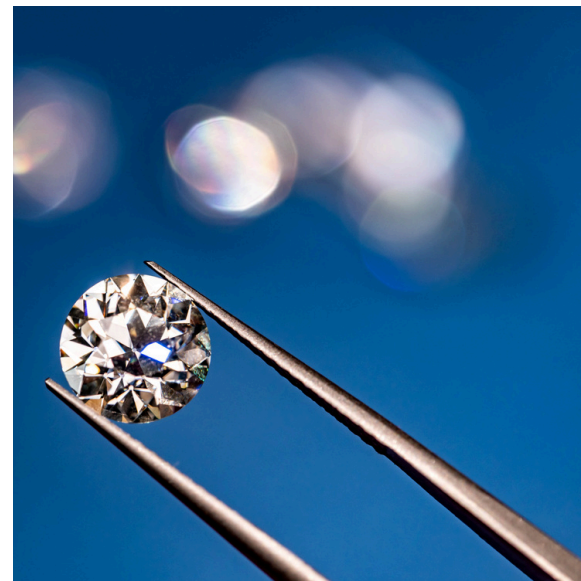
The state govt has issued guidelines for industrial incentives under the Gujarat Textile Policy 2024, categorising talukas for benefits and extending them to textile units in GIDC-notified areas in cities. The move comes after the Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) demanded inclusion of units in notified industrial areas.



Diamond

India's natural diamond polishing industry set to lose 28-30% of revenues on US tariffs: Crisil

The blow follows a 40% degrowth over the past three fiscals because of a fall in both prices and sales volume of natural diamonds, as demand in the US and China dropped and competition from lab-grown diamonds rose. The 50% tariffs, effective this week, make exports to the US tough for two reasons: first, the industry's low margins make absorption of the incremental levy very difficult; and second, declining demand means passing on the incremental burden to consumers will not be easy.



Chemical

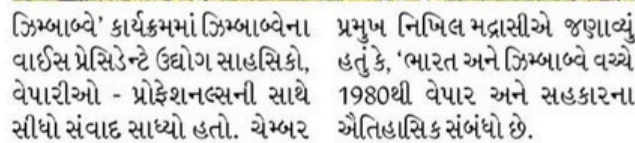
L&T and ITOCHU Launch Green Ammonia Project in Gujarat

In a forward-looking move, L&T Energy GreenTech has partnered with Japan's ITOCHU Corporation to develop and commercialize a green ammonia project in Gujarat. This initiative aligns with global decarbonization efforts and aims to foster sustainable industrial transformation in the region.

SGCCI in Global Connect initiative invited Vice President of Republican of Zimbabwe Dr. Chiwango along with cabinet ministers for trade & tourism to Surat. Bilateral trade meetings with APMC market, Sumul, VNSGU, Textile & diamond units help to further strengthen the bilateral trade between India & Zimbabwe.



ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સના આમંત્રણને પગલે જિમ્બાબ્વેના ઉપરાષ્ટ્રપતિ મહામહિમ ડૉ. સી.જી.ડી.એન. ચિવેન્ગા, તેમનાં ધર્મપત્ની, કેબિનેટ મંત્રી અને સચિવો સાથે સુરત આવેલા પ્રતિનિધિમંડળે પ્લેટિનમ હોલ, સરસાણા, ખાતે ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સ દ્વારા આયોજિત 'ચલો



Vice President Constantino Chiwenga during a visit in Surat.

આગળ આપનાં મિત્રોનાં પુણામંત્રણ પર એક
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Start-up

AI-Powered Superbike 'Garuda' by Surat Students

Three mechanical engineering students from Surat have developed "**Garuda**", an AI-enabled electric superbike prototype that impressively uses **50% recycled materials**. The bike features Tesla-like smart functionalities and showcases a fusion of sustainable design with high-tech integration



Hazira

Gujarat's Cruise Tourism Vision Includes Hazira

As part of India's **Cruise Bharat Mission**, Gujarat proposed multiple coastal cruise circuits. The operational Ghogha-Hazira ROPAX service features prominently, showcasing Hazira's strategic role in the state's cruise tourism push. The initiative is backed by infrastructure planning, port preparedness, and policy alignment to position Gujarat as a globally competitive cruise destination



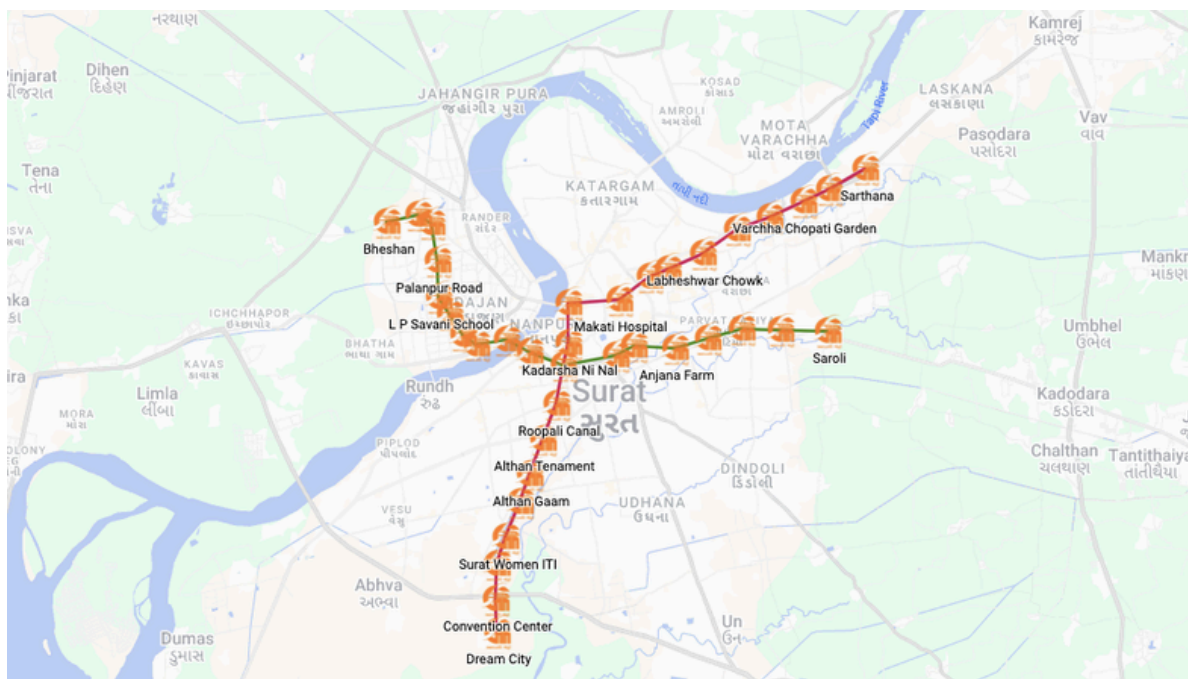
Greetings

We congratulate past president of **SGCCI - Chetan Shah** for Honorary doctorate from Kennedy International University



Surat Metro Detail Table

Corridor	Length	Stations	Type	Key Connectors
Red Line	~21.6 km	20	Elevated + Underground	Sarthana → Dream City (railway core linkage)
Green Line	~18.7 km	18	Elevated only	Bhesan → Saroli (education & residential)
Total Network	~40.35 km	38	Mixed (above & below ground)	Majura Gate interchange, Railway Station



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