

Important Gujarat News

January 14, 2023

1. 14th January 2023, Ahmedabad: **Bhupendrabhai Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, celebrates Makar Sankranti with the residents of Dariyapur.**

He appealed to the citizens to fly kites but not to use the Chinese manja. He asked the citizens to report to police, anyone who sells the prohibited item in the interest of safely celebrating the festival.



Makar Sankranti: Kites in the sky of Ahmedabad

Amitbhai Shah, the Union Home Minister flew kites in the Vejalpur area. Which is a part of the constituency, which he represents in the Parliament. His wife Sonal Shah was with him.

Makar Sankranti-like festival is celebrated all over India, as shown in the Appendix, after the last news-item on page 2.

2. **Old Pension Scheme restored in Himachal Pradesh:** 13 January 2023: The new Chief Minister of the Congress government has declared through a tweet that the old Pension Scheme would become applicable to all the retirees from government service. HP Government spends 76% of its budget on Pensions. The restoration of the pensions of those, who retired after 2003 will add to the amount. It is not known whether the government will be able to afford the additional expense.

HP will become the 5th State government to bring back the OPS. The other four are the governments of Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Punjab.

DiGiNews360 will keep track of the issue to inform our readers about how the government of Indian National Congress will be able to execute the populist measure, when the financial status of the government is in a precarious state.

3. **Riverfront Cruise in Ahmedabad:** 13 January 2023: Akshar Travels will begin from April 2023 a floating restaurant on Sabarmati. The Restaurant's two storey Boat will cruise from Sardar Bridge to Gandhi Bridge and will be able to have up to 150 customers on the cruise boat.
4. **Night Shelters for Homeless during the Cold Wave:** 13 January 2023: The officers of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and the Police have started a drive to persuade all the homeless persons to move to the night shelters (called Rain Basera), built by AMC.

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Appendix: Makar Sankranti festival under different Names

State	Name of Festival	State	Name of Festival
Punjab*	Maghi Sankrant	Uttar Pradesh	Khichidi Sankranti
Gujarat, Kerala, Orissa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa	Makar Sankranti	Andhra Pradesh, Telengana	Sankranti
Assam	Magh Bihu	Mithila	Til Sakraat
Tamil Nadu	Pongal	Kashmir	Shishur Senkrath
Jammu	Uttarayan or Maghi Sankrant	Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh	Sakraat
Bihar	Dahi Chura	<i>Nepal</i>	<i>Maghe Sankranti</i>
Bengal	Poush or Mokor Sonkranti	<i>Thailand</i>	<i>Songkran</i>
Himachal Pradesh	Maghi Saaji	<i>Myanmar</i>	<i>Thingyan</i>
Uttara Khand	Ghughuti	<i>Cambodia</i>	<i>Mohan Songkran</i>

*In Punjab, LOHRI is celebrated on 13th January.