

Important Gujarat News

January 28, 2023

1. January 29, 2023: Ahmedabad: **Municipal Commissioner M. Thennarasan plans for better quality of roads and footpaths:** After his visit to Japan, the Municipal Commissioner has been taking a round of various zones of Ahmedabad. He has looked into the issues of quality of some roads and footpaths and illegal constructions.



M. Thennarasan

Municipal Commissioner

Transfers of senior engineers and of Inspectors and Officers, who may have overlooked illegal constructions are expected **soon**.

This is in preparation for beginning the implementation of the ideas for a better quality of roads and footpaths from March 1, after the budget is approved on 20th February.

2. January 28, 2023: **Meeting of Standing Committee, under the Chairmanship of Pravinkumar B. Patel** ordered the Estate Department to remove encroachments on 158 parking plots of the Corporation. It ordered that the 7 LPG cylinder storage spaces in the residential areas in Ahmedabad be equipped with proper fire safety systems. The Standing Committee also asked for recycling of green waste.

3. January 28-29: **2-day Maker Festival** is being organized at **Faculty of Technology and Engineering (Kalabhavan), M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara** by Yuvalaya and Vadodara Innovation Council. At the Festival, 64 innovations by tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, food artisans, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, artists, students and commercial exhibitors are shown. (Launched in California in 2006, now there are over 200 Maker Fairs around the world, with hundreds of thousands of people attending.)

Maker Fest Vadodara presents a networking opportunity with like-minded maker community. It provides an opportunity to receive guidance from mentors, , industry experts and incubation centers who can guide on the way forward.



Along with the exhibition, 10 live events, including a Rocket modeling workshop, is being organized.

Vadodara Innovation Council is also organizing its **Tod-Fod-Jod program for School children** on these two days at Kalabhavan.

Vadodara Innovation Council's Tod-Fod-Jod program for School children provides facilities for School children to de-construct (Tod) everyday products that they see and/or use. As they figure out how these products are

designed and how they work (Fod), students connect multi-disciplinary concepts they learn in textbooks to real life applications. Then they may reconstruct (Jod) these products, repair (Jod) them (which involves great deal of hands-on problem solving) or re-purpose (Jod) them to create something completely different or Innovative.

4. 28 January 2023: Morbi: **Compensation for Victims of the Morbi Bridge Collapse:** Oreva group has admitted 'some wrongs' and has offered compensation for Morbi bridge collapse. Clockmaker Ajanta, the Oreva Group contracted to maintain and operate the Morbi suspension footbridge that collapsed on October 30, 2022. It has offered to compensate the victims' kin for this, including taking care of the seven children orphaned in the disaster. It has also promised to either employ or help them find jobs on becoming adults.



Morbi suspension footbridge

The company's first admission of lapses in the maintenance and operation of the bridge came within days of police naming Oreva Group's promoter Jaysukh Patel, as an accused in the criminal case and after issuing an arrest warrant against him.
