

Important Gujarat News

January 3, 2023

1. Celebrating New Year according to Indian Values by Groups of Young in Surat:

Hindus in Surat and in the rest of the country celebrate Christmas and New Year day of the Gregorian calendar with enthusiasm. In India, it is not only the Christians, who celebrate these festivals, Hindus join them with equal fervour.

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A few groups of young in Surat have started serving the poor on the road with free home-cooked food, rather than celebrating the New Year in parties of the rich young men. (as reported by @gujratsamachar in a tweet on Jan1, 2023.)

2. Gujarat Vidyapith appoints four new trustees: At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gujarat Vidyapith, chaired by its Chancellor Acharya Devvrat, on Monday, 2nd January 2023, four new trustees were appointed.



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The four new Trustees are:

- **Padma Bhushan Rajshree Birla**, the wife of the industrialist Aditya Birla, and mother of Kumarmangalam Birla: In 1995, after the death of her husband, developed Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development, a large philanthropic organization funded by the Birla family. ABCCIR assists in the running of 42 schools and 18 hospitals and pays for the education of around 18,000 students. These activities are reported to have assisted around 7 million people in about 3000 villages in India, Thailand and Egypt.
- **Gafurbhai Bilakhia**, a *Padma* awardee, a Gandhian settled in Vapi, with creditable work in the field of trade and industry
- **Dilip Thaker**, former state information commissioner
- **Harshad Patel**, Vice-Chancellor of Indian Institute of Teachers Education (IITE) Gandhinagar

Eight Trustees had resigned just before the annual convocation on October 17, 2022. These were: Dr Sudarshan Iyengar, Dr Anamik Shah, Mandaben Parikh, Uttambhai Parmar, Chaitanya Bhatt, Neetaben Hardikar, Michael Mazgaonkar and Kapil Shah.

3. **A 14-storey residence for Rakesh Jhunjunwala:** Rakesh Jhunjunwala is building a 14-storey residence at the Ridge, Malabar Hill, Mumbai. The son of an Income Tax officer, Mr. Jhunjunwala is a self-made billionaire, who is said to have a Midas-touch in the share market. The residence is for five persons: Mrs and Mr Jhunjunwala and their two sons and a daughter. It is being built after pulling down 14 old apartments.

Malabar Hill is the area, where the super-rich and the powerful stay. Varsha, the Chief Minister's bungalow and the mansions of many billionaires are located in Malabar Hill area. Some of the rich, who stay in the area are Mukesh Ambani, Sajjan Jindal, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Ajay Piramal, Adi Godrej and Jay Mehta & Juhi Chawla.
