

Important Gujarat News

February 3, 2023

1. February 2, 2023: New Delhi: **Anthony Albanese, the Prime Minister of Australia, may visit Ahmedabad on 9th March:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited Australia's Prime Minister to visit Ahmedabad to witness the 4th Test Match between India and Australia, for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, at the Narendra Modi stadium.



Prime Minister of Australia: Anthony Albanese

During the second week of March, Australia's Prime Minister is to have an official visit to India at the head of a trade delegation. He is scheduled to visit India again in September 2023 for participating in the G20 meeting.

Australian team will be in India during February-March for the series of 4 matches. The first match will be at Nagpur on 9th February. The next two matches will be at Delhi and Dharamshala. The last match will be at Ahmedabad.

2. February 2, 2023: Morbi: **Jaysukh Patel, the Oreva Chief, in Police Custody till February 8:** The prosecution's request for 14 days of police custody to investigate illegal links between Oreva group and Municipal administration for opening the suspension bridge, without proper repairs and without a safety certification was partially accepted by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Morbi. Jaysukhbhai had surrendered before the court on Tuesday, 31st January 2023, a day before his application for anticipatory bail was to be heard by the court. The public Prosecutor said that he required time to review the financial accounts of the bridge for the period 2017-22, since the accounts had not been audited.



Morbi suspension footbridge

Clockmaker Ajanta, the Oreva Group contracted to maintain and operate the Morbi suspension footbridge that collapsed on October 30, 2022, leading to death of 135 persons, including 24 kids. Oreva Group has now 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.

3. January 31, 2023: **8% Increase in the Minimum Support Price for Paddy, Millets _Bajari, Juwar) and Maize:** The State Support Price Commission has decided that the State should increase the support price for beans of Tuwer, Mag and Urad by 8 to 10%. The State is forwarding the recommendation to the

Central Government. Raghavji Patel said that 8% increase has also been recommended for paddy, millets and maize.

Readers of www.DiGiNews360.com can also read the news-item 1 in Gujarati at <https://gujaratguardian.com/farmers-of-gujarat-rejoice-bhupendra-patel-government-made-this-recommendation-to/> .

4. February 2, 2023: Gandhinagar: **High Resolution CCTV cameras at Godowns of Food Grains:** At all the godowns of Gujarat State Civil Supplies Corporation, high resolution CCTV cameras will be installed, along with a command-control centers at the District Headquarters and at the Head Office of GSCSCL. This is to facilitate and timely movement o food grains from the Godowns. For the last two years, to avoid hunger during Covid 19, free food grains are being given to all the poor families every month. This has increased the work load at the Godowns and the work at GSCSCL is now required to be reorganized in a better way.

This was announced by Rushikesh Patel, the spokesman of State Government after the cabinet meeting on Wednesday, 1st February 2023.

5. February 2, 2023: Surat: **A Lady Don, arrested for terrorizing Puna area of Surat:** Bhavna, known by the nickname of Bhavli, used knives in an open market and created fear before she was arrested.

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Readers of www.DiGiNews360.com can also refer to a DNA report at <https://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-meet-23-year-old-lady-don-loves-to-have-weapons-kills-using-sword-knife-asmita-baa-gohil-surat-2919292> .

6. February 2, 2023: Vadodara: **“In 2022, India was the second largest investor in UK after the USA,”** said Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, former High Commissioner of India to UK, and the Chief Information Commissioner of India. He said,“ Though India contributed a great deal to the investments, which generated 1.2 million jobs in UK, volume of India’s trade with UK was dismal.”

Mr. Sinha said that UK was the preferred destination for higher education for Indians. He pointed out that recently when the policy of post-study work visa was implemented, the number of students increased to 80,000 in 2018. The former High Commissioner of India to UK said that 1.8 million Indians formed 2-3% of population of UK. But they contributed 6% to the British economy.

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