

Important Gujarat News: June 17

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1. June 17, 2023: Technology and Good Governance help Gujarat face the fury of Cyclone Biparjoy: Nearly 80,000 persons were shifted from low-lying villages to safe shelters. The shelters had 1,152 pregnant women. The facilities provided were so good that each one of the 708 women, who had deliveries, in shelter homes, were able to have safe delivery during the period, when Gujarat was suffering from the cyclone. 80,000 electric poles went down and hundreds of teams of the Distribution Company are working to restore power to all villages and localities.

Harsh Sanghvi, Minister of State for Home, said that 22 policemen had suffered injuries during the cyclone. Collapsed trees and rainwater blocked many of the roads and NDRF and SDRF teams are working to open up all the roads.

In 1998, a similar cyclone had led to a loss of lives of about 10,000 persons. In 2023, two lives were lost in preparations for facing the cyclone. However, during and after the cyclone Biparjoy, only one death has been reported due to heavy rains after the cyclone had passed. The wall of a house collapsed on a woman leading to this death. About 34 persons were injured. Shri **Amit Shah**, Home Minister of India, after visiting the injured in hospitals in Gujarat, said that the injuries were minor and all the patients are likely to be relieved from hospitals soon. He also said that **by June 20th, electric power will be restored back** at all the places, where it was interrupted due to the cyclone.

The cyclone was so severe that Jakhau port in Kutch was completely destroyed. 33,000 hectares of farm land in Kutch was inundated by the cyclone.

Manorama Mohanty, Head of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Gujarat said that for ten days, the central team of IMD tracked the cyclonic storm. "The entire staff at IMD Gujarat was available round the clock in the last five days, providing crucial inputs to all the agencies,

involved. From its turn towards Gujarat to the approximate location of the landfall, we got every thing right. It helped in evacuation and relief efforts,” she said.

Thus, technology and good governance helped reduce the number of lives lost from 10,000 in 1998 to zero in 2023.

2. June 17, 2023: Teaching Gujarati in a better way: The centre is promoting the use of mother tongue. The Gujarat government is also giving more emphasis on the use of Gujarati, rather than English, in the schools in Gujarat. Despite this, the students of Gujarat have failed in their board exams of Gujarati. The percentage of students, failing in Gujarati is significantly more than the students failing in English subject.

This has been happening for the past 2 years. In class 10th, there are 96,287 students who have failed in Gujarati whereas only 95,544 students failed in English which is their second language.



Last year the statistics were, 17.85% students failed in Gujarati and 10.78% failed in English. These were startling for the central government as its effort of uplifting the Indian languages is not seen to be succeeding. Students are not paying attention to their mother-tongue.

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3. June 17, 2023: Asia’s Largest Solar Plant inundated in water: In North Gujarat, heavy rains in the last two days, due to Cyclone Biparjoy, has immersed the largest solar plant of Asia in Santalpur, Radhanpur Taluka in

water. The 15 MW plant of BHEL may suffer a loss of crores of Rupees.



Charnaka in Patan: Solar Plant immersed in water

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4. June 17, 2023: Surat: Surat Corporation has decided to instal 6.3 MW solar energy plant at a cost of Rs 73.75 crores, including its annual maintenance for ten years. It will be used at the Waterworks, Sewage Pumping Station and other utilities. During the first year of its operation, the Corporation will save Rs 12.30 crores in the Power Bill, thus retrieving 16.67% of the investment in the very first year.



The Corporation's Light & Power Committee also approved setting up of a 10 MW solar photovoltaic-based power plant at a cost of Rs 87.47 crores, including the maintenance costs.

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5. 17 January 2023: Ahmedabad: For the **146th Rath Yatra, on 20th June 2023**, the police has declared the route of the Yatra and the alternate routes, suggested for the public. The Rath Yatra will have about 100 trucks and 150 vehicles. Police will maintain mobile surveillance on the route. More than 3000 police men, with body worn camera will keep track of the Law and Order state. 25 Watch Towers along the route will feed information to the Control Rooms at GandhiNagar and Ahmedabad.



Seven Public Information booths will be operative to get information about any persons, who, may be lost during the Yatra. Neighbourhood meetings are also being organized by the Police to see that during Rath Yatra through their areas, the Neighbourhoods may help keep peace.
