

## GTU VC; Excellent Governance at Village level etc: Aug 8

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1. August 8, 2023: Vi. Shobhasan, Ta. Detroj Rampura, District: Ahmedabad: GREAT GOVERNANCE at Village-level: Mahatma Gandhi said that true Hindustan lives in its 700,000 villages. If 18,000 villages of Gujarat are able to get Sarpanches like **Shivrambhai Becharbhai Patel**, the face of Gujarat can be changed completely in five years. (A Sarpanch is the elected Head of a village.): In 1991, Shivrambhai, aged 32 years, was relatively poor as compared with those, who had been elected as Sarpanches of the village during the previous decade. But he was a person, who would go out of his way to help others. So, his friends came together and got him elected as the Sarpanch of the village.



*Detroj Railway Station*

Shivrambhai worked for decades, since he was continuously re-elected every 5 years, to make the village clean, for ease of life and for removing poverty. Shivrambhai took advantage of every scheme of different departments of Government to change the face of Shobhasan. (Please see Appendix 1 for details of the work done by Shivrambhai as the Sarpanch.

2. August 8, 2023: **E-Certificate portal** for 2.2 million ex-students of **M.S. University of Baroda**, Gujarat: Any student or ex-student of MS Univ can apply for his certificate or marksheets online and get them delivered at his home. Confirmation through One-Time-Password, obtained by e-mail or mobile telephone number will be required to establish identity of the applicant and her address. Dr. Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Vice-Chancellor of the University said that a student can apply not only for her certificate

or marksheet or also for Migration Certificate, No Backlog Certificate, Rank Certificate, Medium of Instruction Certificate and Transcript.



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3. August 7, 2023: **Mahipalsinh Praveensinh Vala** of Bapunagar, Ahmedabad offered supreme sacrifice at Kulgam in Jammu & Kashmir, while fighting terrorists on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023. His pregnant wife was brought from the hospital to their home to see 'her husband' for the last time. From the airport to Virat Nagar residence of the family, people paid their respects. **Bhupendrabhai Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat** also paid respects at Virat Nagar.



*Last Salute by the Wife of Mahipalsinh Praveensinh Vala*

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4. August 7, 2023: **Government Schools** suffering from **vacant positions of Teachers**: As many as 19,863 positions of teachers are vacant in Gujarat and the government has not recruited a single teacher during the last 3 years.

[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) calls upon the State Government to pay more attention to the School education so that quality of education, offered in Government School, can become satisfactory.

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5. August 6, 2023: **Satya Prakash Sharma**, whose family has been making locks for more than a century at Aligarh, has made a special lock for the upcoming **Ram Janmbhoomi Temple** at **Ayodhya**. He has used his and his wife **Rukshmani's** savings to hand-tool the special lock. He says he is using his 45 years of experience in making locks to make the lock. He proposes to present it to the Trust of the Ram Janmbhoomi Temple.

The Lock is a 400 Kg lock, which is 10 ft long, 4.5 ft wide and 9.5 ft thick. Its key is 4 ft long. **Shri Champak Rai, the General Secretary of the Trust**, said that the Trust is thinking about an appropriate place for the Lock, which is being presented by a devotee.

Shri Rai said that the Temple will be opened to the public after the Pran Pratishtha ceremonies in January 2024. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to visit Ayodhya between 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 for the Opening ceremony.



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6. August 3, 2023: Ahmedabad: The Governor of Gujarat State and the Chancellor of **Gujarat Technological University** (GTU) has appointed **Dr. Rajul Gajjar** as the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Vice Chancellor** of GTU for a term of three years. With this appointment, both the large Government Universities in Ahmedabad-

Gandhinagar area are now headed by women. (Last month Dr. Neerja Gupta took over as the Vice Chancellor of **Gujarat University.**)



She had been in- charge Vice Chancellor of GTU during 8<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> December in year 2016. She was the Post-Graduate Dean of GTU from 2010-16.



Before Dr. Rajul Gajjar assumed her new responsibilities at GTU, she was the Principal of L.D. College of Engineering, the largest such institution in the State. She has over three decades of experience as a Professor of Applied Mechanics at Engineering Colleges in Gujarat. She was scheduled to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 as the Principal of L.D. College of Engineering.

She is an alumnae of LD Engineering college. She worked for her Ph.D. at M.S. University of Baroda. She has published over 66 research papers, registered 3 patents and authored 4 books. She has been contributing to the activities of WOSA, IEE, GICEA, ISTE, GUJCOST, Indian Society for Earthquake Science, AMC, IITGN and IIMA among others.

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----Appendix 1: Exemplary work done by a Sarpanch for his village----

Village: **Shobhasan**; Sarpanch: **Shivrambhai Bechaarbhai Patel**

DAIRY: Since the village economy depends a good deal on the animals of the farmers, Shivram worked to arrange a watering hole for animals. He arranged a Cooperative for collecting spare



milk from small farmers and for selling it. He got the Shobhasan-Cooperative affiliated with the District Cooperative Dairy and was able to get loans for 360 small farmers to purchase cows.

**SKILLING the YOUNG:** Shivram arranged classes for training 72 unemployed young men to become plumbers and wiremen at the home of Narottamdas Trikkamdas, a villager, who agreed to provide the facilities. Shivram applied and got for the young men a scholarship of Rs. 1,000 each per month during the period of training from the Government's program for increasing the supply of skilled persons. The Government program supplied to every candidate, who passed the exam at the end of 6 months of training, tools worth Rs 5,000 each so that they could start doing minor jobs. 45 of the 72 young men got jobs in small industries in nearby towns.

Shivram also used the program to get sewing machines for those women, who knew the art of sewing. The women were able to add to their income by taking up sewing clothes for other villagers.

**CONNECTIVITY:** He worked with the Government's Bus Transport Corporation to arrange for buses, passing through the village and going from one nearby city to the other, to stop at the village 10 times a day. This made it easy for the villagers to inter-act for business or for social work with the rest of the world.

**HOMES for the POOR:** Shivrambhai was able to get funds for 400 poor families to build their own homes.

*HONESTY: It may be noted that Shivrambhai, himself, did not have a house of his own. But he continued to live in a rented house, for the decades when he was the Sarpanch. He was able to build a home only after he retired as Sarpanch and two of his sons started working.*

**WATER PIPES to HOME:** He was able to get funds for the village for digging a borewell in the village. This helped him to provide water to every home through pipes. Earlier families, in most of the cases, the women of the family, had to bring water from a long distance.

**TOILETS in POOR HOMES:** A nearby religious organization, the **Gundi Ashram**, arranged funds for 200 poor families to build toilets in their homes.

**MINOR IRRIGATION for Small Farms:** A junior minister in the State Government belonged to a nearby town. With his help, he was able to get a regular supply of irrigation water for 400 small farmers of the village. The farms became more productive and the income of the farmers increased.

**RATION SHOP:** For taking ration and Kerosene at below the market rates from government's authorized ration shop, the villagers of Shobhasan to go to another village *Dangarva*. Shivram worked to get a ration shop opened in Shobhasan itself.

Shivrambhai helped update the government's records to enrol 720 poor among the list of those, entitled to government's aid.

**HELP to PREGNANT WOMEN and INFANTS:** Shivrambhai got 4 Anganwadis opened in the village. 8 employees started working full-time for reaching help to reduce anaemia among pregnant women and to reduce malnutrition among infants.

**SERVICE COOPERATIVE:** a Service cooperative was opened in the village to get concessional loans for the villagers for purchase of tractors, small trucks etc.

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