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## 'Less government, more governance'



Gautam Adani

The maiden budget of the NDA reflects the present government's ideology of "Less Government, More Governance". Focus on fiscal consolidation and the planned reduction of fiscal deficit to 3% of GDP by 2016-17 and the setting up of the Expenditure Management Commission and focused expenditure on social sectors are positive steps to revive the economy. The Budget has erased many grey areas by rationalizing tax and duty structures, which in the past used to lead to unwarranted litigation and discretion. The focus on infrastructure sector and efforts to improve productivity of indigenous coal assets and power plants are noteworthy. The extension of investment allowance under Section 80 IA coupled with tax holiday for 10 years for power sector, for generation as well as transmission, will accelerate in-

vestment in the sector. The major change of allowing RE Investments Trusts and Infra Investment Trusts will provide a big fillip to the sector. The relaxation in SLR and CRR for funding infra projects too is a step towards kick-starting and catalyzing investment in the infrastructure sector. The identification of 16 locations for developing high productivity ports, coupled with improved connectivity of ports by railway through the PPP route and the revival of SEZs and exports, will help improve the competitiveness of our manufacturing sector and will generate employment. The focus on creating productive assets through MNREGA and emphasis on agricultural sector related employment through NREGA too are indicative of the government's intent of productive and focused utilization of funds.

(The writer is chairman, Adani Group)

## Med intake ends at 83.57, up 6 marks from last year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: The admission into the medical courses ended at about six marks higher as compared to the last year. The admission ended at 83.57 merit marks.

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Dr Jignesh Chauhan, member secretary of the Admission Committee for Medical and Paramedical Courses, said that the last admission into medical was at Adani Medical College in Bhuj. According to Chauhan, the admission in Bhuj Medical College had ended at 75.57 merit marks.

This was expected as this year it was a record high merit in medical and para-medical courses. Ever since Gujarat Common Entrance Test was introduced in 2008, this year has seen high scores. The admission committee officials said that it was expected that the cut off in the medical colleges would increase by six to seven marks in the admission closure.

Chauhan said that this year the score of students in Gujarat Common Entrance Test and the class XII examination was high and as a result, the merit was also relatively high as compared to the last year.

The admission committee had taken up admission for 2,456 medical and dental colleges. In the dental, the admission was taken up for government medical colleges only. The admission for 900 self-financed colleges will be taken up later.

In all, 14 seats had fallen va-



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### 4,000 aspirants not in merit list

Ahmedabad: The ACPC on Saturday declared the merit list of 49,511 students against the seat availability of 27,745. Officials said about 4,000 students were not included in the merit list as their marks were not traceable by the ACPC. The board has asked these students to approach the various helpline centres across the state and submit photocopies of the marksheets. The ACPC will then enter these marks and they would be included in the final merit list. Also, the officials said that these are those students who have not cleared their examination in the first trial and hence their marks were not reflecting in the system.

cant in the reserved category.

These seats in Schedule Caste quota were vacant in Surat Medical College, Karamsad Medical College and in Jamnagar Medical College. There were eight seats vacant in NHL Medical College Ahmedabad (one seats) and seven seats in Karamsad Medical College in Socially and Economically Backward Classes.

The committee has announced that the reshuffling for medical and dental will be taken up after 20 July. The committee has said that the admission for dental (self-financed) and other paramedical courses will now be declared. The seats vacant in reserved category, even if they fell vacant after reshuffling, would be converted for open category.

### CBSE students cry foul

The students of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have cried foul over the merit list prepared by the Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC). They are now planning to challenge it in the Gujarat high court on Monday. K K Gupta, one of the parents, said that 40% of weightage is given to JEE Mains along with 60% weightage to Board's percentile. "However, as per the formula, if a student scores few more marks in board's exam than the other student, he would be able to compensate huge difference of lower marks in JEE main, and even able to get higher rank than the other student," he said.

He claimed that the injustice to CBSE Students is only defective percentile procedure adopted by the Gujarat ACPC. He said that if the calculations given by the Gujarat HC order passed last month had been followed, the CBSE student would have secured 1,091 rank instead of 1,514 rank in the merit list. "The merit list is illegal, unjust, arbitrary, and it should be scrapped immediately and the students will definitely approach the HC against it," he said.

ACPC declared the final merit list of 61,344 students. After the first mock round 9,338 seats were left vacant. The ACPC had allotted 60,529 seats. A total of 34.20 lakh choices were given by 59,000-odd students. Maximum 38,368 students preferred to get admission in mechanical faculty, followed by civil (33,751 students), electrical (30,235 students) and computer (27,146 students).

## Key witness turns hostile

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



Ahmedabad: The prosecution in the BMW hit-and-run case got the biggest setback on Saturday as the complainant and eyewitness to the incident told the court that he did not see Vismay Shah at scene of accident.

Lalit Gupta, complainant in the case and a friend of Shivam Dave and Rahul Patel who were killed in the accident, was declared hostile by public prosecutor after he not only retracted his statement before the police but also refused to own up the version he gave to magistrate under provision of Section 164 of CrPC. Gupta was on the other bike that was behind the one, which was rammed by Vismay's

BMW in Vastrapur on February 24 last year.

During his examination-in-chief, Gupta told the court that he did not know who was driving the vehicle. This was in contrast to his statements made during filing of the complaint and the version he gave to the police on the second day of the accident. He had told the police that immediately after the accident, the driver had come out of the car saying, "I am sorry." But as he got busy in calling an ambulance, the driver escaped. The next day, Gupta had told the police that it was Vismay who had come to him apologizing. But before the court, Gupta narrated the incident as he told the police, but refused to identify that it was Vismay who had sought apology.

Vismay has spent a year in jail.

### HIT-AND-RUN CASE

### CITY DIGEST

#### Pharma placements begin

A total of 465 students were interviewed by 18 pharma companies on Saturday, the first day of the two-day centralized placement fair organized by GTU. There are 840 posts in 18 leading companies. Officials said that on Day One, 465 students were present. The package offered was Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 a month for MPharm students and Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 a month for BPharm students. Of the 465 students who were interviewed, 90 were shortlisted for 110 available posts. About 15 new companies will come on Sunday for selecting students for 730 posts.

**Commerce reshuffle from today:** The reshuffling for the 9,000 seats in commerce faculty of GU will begin from Sunday. On the last day of fee payment, over 5,500 students did not deposit the fee, which took the number of vacant seats to 9,000.

## Devout throng temples on Gurupurnima

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Thousand of disciples thronged various temples in the city to pay respect to their gurus on the Gurupurnima day on Saturday.

Several followers and disciples made beelines at Kalapur Swaminarayan Mandir, Jagannath mandir, Maninagar Swaminarayan Mandir in the city. While Kaushalendra Prasad Maharaj was at Kalapur Swaminarayan Mandir; Pramukhswamiji was in Salangpur. At Jagannath Temple, Dilipdasji Maharaj was present.



BJP president Amit Shah at Jagannath Temple on Saturday

There were also non-resident Gujaratis who specially flew down to Ahmedabad to celebrate the festival. Harshad Rana, a resident of Nairobi, had

flown down to Ahmedabad to pay respect to his guru Pramukhswami. "I ensure that I am in India on every Gurupurnima day to pay respect to Pramukhswamiji Maharaj. I met swamiji at Salangpur Swaminarayan temple and took his blessings. This is one day I never miss in the year and make it a point to meet Swamiji."

Gurupurnima is celebrated in the memory of Maharshi Veda Vyasa. The ancient saint had edited the four Vedas, wrote the 18 Puranas, Mahabharata and the Srimad Bhagavat Gita.

## Court ek, aur hearings do!

Our courts are really overburdened. This could be seen when Gujarat police were seeking remand of a scamster after bringing him from abroad. While the magistrate was busy hearing the remand application, his stenographer was involved in recording the statements of witnesses, who were testifying from the witness box, in a different case. The simultaneous hearings made it difficult for the magistrate to listen to what was being said by the witnesses. Upon inquiry, it was found that the parties in that case had settled the matter out of court, but in this 'compromise' also, the trial had to be conducted. A few months before, a video clip showing a judge's vacant chair while the prosecutor was examining a witness, was circulated!

### Jadoo! UFO puzzler for Isro

A curious mail from a popular UFO-buff website, ufosightingsdaily.com, is doing rounds at the Space Applications Centre (SAC) in Ahmedabad. It thanks 'Isro labs' for taking images of a "black pyramid" shaped structure atop an asteroid 1999 RQ36 on June 29 belonging to aliens. A one-minute video on the black pyramid, carrying the 'Isro' watermark, was uploaded on YouTube, by another UFO website, UFOExposed. The UFO website mentions that it was taken by a satellite called NeoSAT. This is a Canadian microsatellite launched by

Isro a few years ago. The mail is being passed off as "utter rubbish" by SAC scientists. This is not the first time SAC has encountered a UFO puzzler. In October 2004, a scientist at SAC was in news when he claimed that during an expedition to the Himalayas to study Samudra Tapu glacier, they had sighted an unidentified object at 14,500 feet—suspected to be a UFO.

**Student's faux pas irks GU VC**  
A girl student recently offended Gujarat University vice-chancellor M N Patel. A group of students had been to the VC's office to make a representation about some issues. At that time, the student in question uttered "uncle" to address the VC. It angered Patel very much; he scolded

the entire group for the behaviour. "Even if you don't respect me, respect at least the chair I am sitting on. In my entire professional life, nobody has called me 'uncle'. It is not a private platform," Patel told the group.

### Ek garam chai ki pyali ho

Passion is something that can drive an individual to heights of success as well as to some harmless craziness, too. Something of this sort happened at an event of Western India Tea Dealers Association when association president Piyush Desai broke into a song while speaking to media people. Desai is the owner of Waghbakri tea and very passionate about tea. He started singing Salman Khan's famous song 'Ek garam chai ki pyali ho' and also asked people to join in, while talking about how tea can change the mood of an individual.

### Lest you forget the historic farewell

The Gujarat assembly had on May 21 held a special session to bid farewell to outgoing chief minister Narendra Modi, who is now the Prime Minister. The session was unique as Modi was the first sitting MLA from the state to be sworn in as the PM. Assembly officials have recorded the entire session and have sent the same to all those who were present in the House that day. A letter says: "Since you were a witness to the historic farewell of the chief

minister, this CD is being sent to you as memorabilia."

### Success mantra on Bible story

IT Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) director Sudhir K Jain recently got a five-year extension in his position. Sharing the success mantra that has made IIT-Gn as one of the best new IITs in India, he cited the example of David and Goliath. "While everyone knew Goliath was huge and strong and had brute power, little David knew the art of slinging a stone accurately to get his target. In the battle, it was David who slung a stone right on the forehead of the giant to vanquish his enemy and taste victory. Our IIT may be young and small but we have converted our small strengths into our victories," he said. The earthquake engineer sure knows his Biblical facts well!

### Cleanliness lessons from gurukul

Many might have read about the exemplary deed of the Japanese football fans where they cleared up the stadium after the match got over and won accolades from the world. A similar deed was noticed recently after the Rath Yatra got over in the city. The yatra by Swaminarayan Gurukul was one of the eight yatras the city witnessed on June 29. While the AMC had to get the sanitary workers do overtime to clear the city streets, volunteers from the gurukul had started cleaning the roads right on the day of the yatra, picking up litter and waste thrown by participants and citizens.

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## End of heat is nigh, heavens may relent from Tuesday

Ahmedabad: City is expected to get a decent spell of rain from Tuesday. After blistering heat of over 40 degrees on Friday, weather took a sudden turn on Saturday evening with strong winds lashing many parts of the city.

The cloudy weather and strong winds have once again raised hopes of rain in the near future.

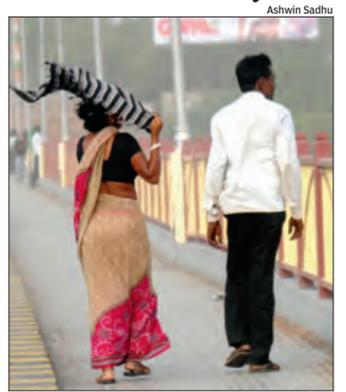
Weather officials said that there is possibility of scattered rain in isolated areas of Gujarat.

The officials said that a system has formed over the Bay of Bengal which is likely to give rain.

Meanwhile, the upper air cyclonic circulation over South Rajasthan and adjoining Saurashtra-Kutch, which extends from South Gujarat to Kerala coast, still persists.

Ahmedabad has been reeling under extended summer conditions and has been forced to take consolation from cloudy sky for a couple of weeks now.

The city has also been recording high temperatures for a couple of days now. TNN



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