The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has appointed Shri Dileep Sanghani as Chairman of its Cooperative Committee

Cooperatives have played a pivotal role in India's developmental journey, especially as the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Union Minister of Cooperation work toward realizing the vision of "Prosperity through Cooperation." A former Cabinet Minister of Gujarat, Shri Dileep Sanghani has provided exemplary leadership and invaluable guidance to several cooperative organizations, including NCUI, IFFCO, and Gujcomasol. Following his appointment as Chairman of the Cooperative Committee of PHDCCI, Shri Sanghani officially assumed office today.

For the past 120 years, PHDCCI has been a catalyst in promoting Indian industry, trade, and entrepreneurship. As a progressive partner to both industry and government, PHDCCI remains committed to fostering integrated development through strong national and international linkages—ensuring growth, synergy, and accountability at the grassroots level.

Recognized as the "Voice of Industry and Trade," PHDCCI connects with more than 150,000 large, medium, and small enterprises worldwide, working across multiple sectors to elevate the Indian economy to greater heights. With its rich legacy of knowledge and experience, PHDCCI remains dedicated to driving sustainable progress.

As a collaborative partner between industry and government, the Chamber continues to play a vital role in promoting inclusive economic growth through cooperatives that diligently serve various sectors of the nation. At the ceremony marking Shri Dileep Sanghani's assumption of office as Chairman, Dr. Jitender Singh, Senior Secretary Shri Rupesh Pandey, and Shri Tarun Bhargava, Senior General Manager of IFFCO, extended their congratulations. Shri Dushyant Singh Punia and NCUI Director Shri Pradeep Kumar were also present on the occasion.

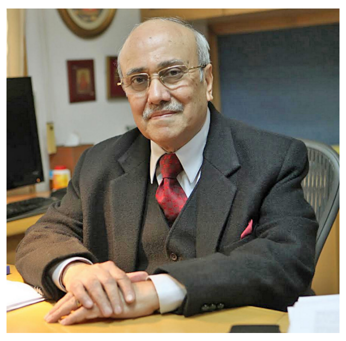
Trump's Gaza plan will be a strategic breather for Hamas

If diplomacy were about neat checklists, the recently unveiled 20-point Gaza Ceasefire Plan would seem like an answer to every humanitarian prayer. It speaks of peace, reconstruction, demilitarisation, hostage return, and even a potential pathway to Palestinian statehood. On paper, it promises a clean reset to the blood-soaked landscape of Gaza. Yet, as with most West Asian blueprints that promise peace, it is the realities beneath the paper that cast the longest shadow.

At first glance, the plan appears comprehensive and even compassionate. It places humanitarian relief alongside political reform and economic recovery—the three pillars that any durable peace must rest upon. It is presented as a "total package" that could end the war, demilitarise Gaza, and pave the way for self-governance under a technocratic Palestinian administration, overseen by a so-called Board of Peace. For Gaza's people—exhausted, starving, displaced—there is little left to lose. For them, even a flawed peace may look preferable to the current devastation. But therein lies the first weakness of the plan. It is designed to be accepted from a position of desperation, not negotiation. With Gaza's civil and physical infrastructure in ruins and Hamas's command structure shattered, the plan assumes that capitulation equals peace. It is not a negotiated outcome; it is an imposed one. And history reminds us that peace built on humiliation rarely endures. The Missing Stakeholder: Hamas and the Mirage of its Demise - The plan's architects—Washington, Jerusalem, and a small coterie of Arab supporters—appear to believe that Hamas can be written out of the script. The organisation, they argue, has forfeited its right to political existence through terror and rejectionism. Yet, Hamas is not merely a militia; it is also a deeply rooted political and social organism. It has run Gaza for nearly two decades and built a governance that neither Fatah nor the Palestinian Authority could match. To assume it will simply "walk away into the twilight" is to misread both the psychology of resistance movements and the sociology of Gaza itself. This commentary in no way supports Hamas' tactics of coercion and terror but comprehends the reality of such situations.

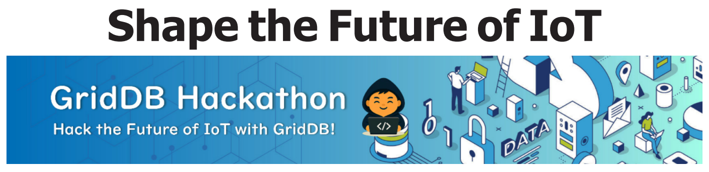
After losing so much—leaders, infrastructure, prestige—Hamas may well treat this ceasefire as a tactical pause. But such pauses are the breathing spaces of insurgency and terror. It could regroup, rebuild underground, and return faster than the twilight can fade. Unless the plan provides a legitimate political role for those now on the ground, it risks producing not peace, but a lull before the next storm. Trust, Credibility, and the 'Business of Peace' The other great paradox is that the plan's credibility rests on the shoulders of those least trusted in the region. For President Trump, whose views of multilateralism and international institutions are transactional at best, this plan reads like a business proposal—a deal to be executed, funded, and claimed as a personal triumph.

IRF EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN AT RECENT INCREASED NUMBER OF BUS ACCIDENTS



Ahmedabad, International Road Federation (IRF) global road safety body working for better and safer roads world wide has expressed deep concern at recent sleeper bus fires claiming more than 40 lives, , once again exposing the grim reality of safety in a mode of transport that lakhs of Indians depend on every day. The latest bus fire incidents highlight the same persistent dangers: flammable interiors, blocked or narrow exits, missing or faulty emergency windows, no fire safety gear, precious little time to escape, and inadequately trained staff. The existing code of practice for bus body design has strict norms for safety of passengers including mandatory fire extinguishers which are mostly empty or non-functional , mandatory speed governors, fixed time of drivers to avoid fatigue, fitness certificates are managed. (1-7)

Toshiba Invites Innovators to Shape the Future of IoT



Ahmedabad, Kawasaki, Japan & Bengaluru, India ?Toshiba Digital Solutions Corporation, together with Toshiba Software India Pvt. Ltd., is pleased to announce the first ever GridDB Cloud IoT Hackathon, a two-day, in-person event that will take place in Bengaluru, India from January 31 to February 1, 2026. The hackathon invites startups, students, and developers to take on the challenge of developing real-time IoT applications using GridDB® Cloud, Toshiba's fully managed time-series database available on Microsoft Azure Marketplace. Toshiba is organizing the hackathon to promote the capabilities of GridDB® Cloud, which became available worldwide in April this year. GridDB® Cloud serves as a core data infrastructure for digital transformation, enabling organizations to collect and analyze large volumes of data, uncover valuable insights, and drive new business initiatives. Rapid data ingestion, low-latency querying, and robust reliability make it a stand-out into supporting real-time analytics and mission-critical operations across industries. (19-10)

Sachidanand Upadhyay Joins Global Business Elite

Ahmedabad, Sachidanand Upadhyay, Managing Director of Lord's Mark Industries Ltd. (LMIL), has achieved a significant milestone with his second consecutive appearance in Time Magazine. This rare honour places him among a select group of global business visionaries, including some of India's most respected industry pioneers who have been featured twice for their contributions to industry and society. Upadhyay's recognition in Time's "Entrepreneurs to Watch" list in both 2024 and 2025 reinforces his expanding international reputation as a leader reshaping the future of healthcare and advanced manufacturing in India. Time Magazine's profile emphasises his pivotal role in transforming Lord's Mark Industries into a MedTech and diagnostics force aligned with India's innovation agenda. Under Upadhyay's stewardship, LMIL has transitioned from a diversified enterprise to a healthcare innovation company with a focus of over 98% on MedTech, diagnostics, genomics, and biotech-led manufacturing. Few Indian business leaders have been featured twice in Time Magazine's notable lists. Visionary entrepreneurs who transformed India's technology and industry landscape have set benchmarks in this league. Upadhyay's consecutive entries signal the arrival of a new generation of leadership driven by technology, access, and purpose. (1-7)

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A friend killed a friend on suspicion of having an affair with his sister

Kutch (Bhuj), An incident has come to light in Trambo village of Rapar taluka where a friend killed his friend on suspicion of a love affair. A young man who was leaving Trambo village for Rapar with his cousin was beaten to death by his friend with a pipe, suspecting that he was having a love affair with his sister. On the other hand, within a few hours of the incident, the police have arrested the accused and are conducting further investigation.

The nephew called and informed his father.

According to the police complaint filed by the deceased's father Naran Dodia, at around 9 pm last night, he was sitting at home with a guest when his nephew Dharmendra left for Rapar on an Activa, along with his 24-year-old son Dhansukh Dodia. After some time, the nephew received a call that Dhansukh had been beaten with a pipe by Bharat Keshabhai Koli of the village and had fled.

When the father arrived, the son was dead in a bloody state.

As soon as the incident was reported, the father reached the scene and found his son Dhansukh lying in a bloody state and not even moving. Someone called the 108 helpline and took him to the Rapar Community Health Center for treatment through an ambulance, where the doctor on duty declared his son dead.

Built To Last, Designed To Impress - The New Youva Stellar Spiral PP Cover Notebooks

Ahmedabad, Youva, the stationery vertical from the house of Navneet Education Limited, has introduced its latest range of notebooks - The Youva Stellar Spiral PP Cover Notebooks. Crafted for those who love to create, plan, and express freely, these notebooks are designed to match today's fast-paced lifestyle. Built with a non-tearable, spill-resistant poly cover, these notebooks keep writing material protected from daily wear and accidental spills. The thick 64 GSM paper offers a smooth and pleasurable writing surface with no ink bleed or show-through, ensuring every page looks neat and professional. Featuring trendy metallic-finish covers designs, the Youva Stellar notebooks add a premium, modern touch to your stationery collection. Durable and dependable, they're built to last through every class, project, and idea. Speaking about this launch, Mr. Abhijit Sanyal, Chief Strategy Officer of Youva Stationery said, "At Youva, we always aim to produce stationery that reflects the needs and energy of today's generation. The new Youva Stellar notebook is everything a writer needs. With the right paper thickness, enough space, and a stylish covers design, it makes the perfect choice for anyone looking for something bold, long-lasting, and trendy."

Cinépolis and Fanta bring a spooky twist to movie nights this Halloween

Ahmedabad, Cinépolis India, the country's first international cinema exhibitor, has partnered with Fanta to introduce an exclusive Halloween Combo for moviegoers across India. The limited-period offer brings together Fanta's playful spirit and Cinépolis' premium cinema experience, creating a refreshing and immersive experience for its patrons to celebrate Halloween.Running from October 24 through November 6, the combo features Nachos + Fanta with unlimited refills, served in specially designed Halloween-themed cups. The campaign captures the fun of the spooky season with the theme - "Sip the Spook. Snack the Fun." Speaking about the partnership, Devang Sampat, Managing Director, Cinépolis India said, "At Cinépolis, we believe in turning every visit to the cinema into an experience that connects with our audiences. Collaborations like this with Fanta allow us to engage with our younger patrons in ways that are playful yet experiential. As India's festive calendar becomes more diverse, we see growing interest in global cultural moments like Halloween, and we are excited to bring that spirit alive within our cinemas. (19-10)