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Gopi Talav

Gopi Talab is a historic lake and urban park located in the Gopipura area of Surat, which is a major entertainment center for families and tourists. Originally, the lake was constructed around 1510 AD by Malik Gopi, a wealthy merchant and governor of Surat; Later in 2012, it was renovated by the Surat Municipal Corporation, incorporating modern facilities while keeping its historical appearance intact.

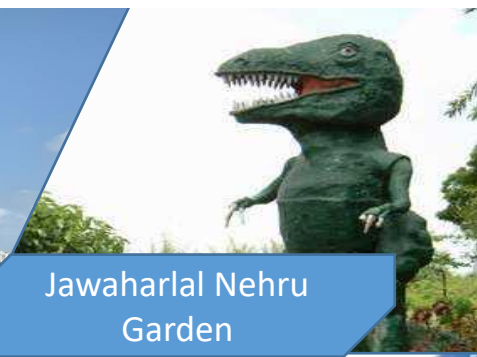




Tapi River Front



Dutch Garden



Jawaharlal Nehru Garden

સુરત Surat



Area
7,657 Sq. Km.



Population
60.81 Lac



Literacy Rate
87.89%



Block
14



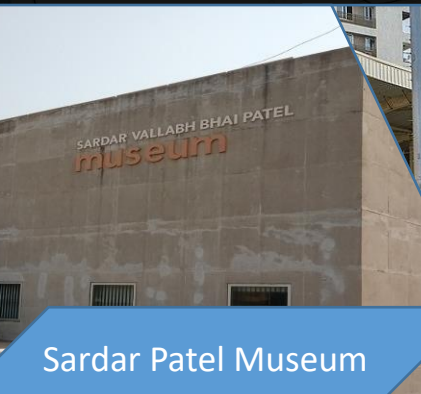
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Surat Castle



Sardar Patel Museum



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NIC's Pivotal Role in the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (South Gujarat) 2026

As Gujarat's flagship investment summit, Vibrant Gujarat 2026 embraced a decentralized approach by bringing its transformative energy to regional levels, and Surat stepped into the spotlight. The Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) 2026 for South Gujarat was held on 1st and 2nd May 2026 at Auro University, Surat, focusing on four powerhouse sectors: Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Textile & Apparel, Gems & Jewellery, and Agriculture. Hosting Business-to-Business (B2B) and Business-to-Government (B2G) networking meetings at large scale, the event demanded a rock-solid, responsive IT infrastructure and NIC Surat was right at the centre of it.

Nodal Authority for ICT: A Responsibility Earned

Recognizing NIC Surat's track record of delivering under pressure, the District Administration, Collector & District Magistrate of Surat formally appointed the District Informatics Officer (DIO), NIC Surat as the Nodal Officer for the ICT Committee for B2B and B2G Meetings at the conference.

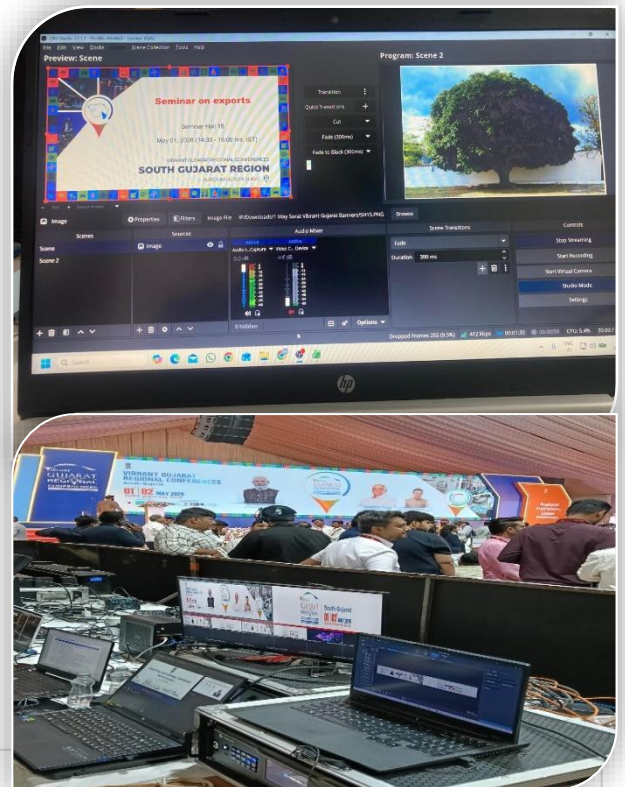
Working in close coordination with government agencies within the ICT Committee, and as a core member alongside iNDEXTb (Industrial Extension Bureau), NIC shouldered end-to-end responsibility for all technology systems supporting the event.

Planning for Flawless Execution

NIC's involvement began long before the event doors opened.

The team undertook comprehensive planning and coordination of the entire IT ecosystem, ensuring that computers, display screens, presentation systems, video conferencing facilities, and data connectivity were fully operational across all meeting rooms. Every technical touchpoint was tested, validated, and kept ready for immediate use.

A dedicated ICT support team was deployed on-ground for real-time scheduling, tracking, and updating of B2B and B2G meetings. This was a critical function in an environment where hundreds of business interactions were happening simultaneously across multiple rooms and sectors.





Connecting Every Stakeholder

NIC acted as the central technology liaison, coordinating seamlessly with the Industries Department, Protocol and Security teams, Venue Management, BSNL, multiple Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and IT departments, ensuring that every stakeholder operated within a well-integrated, glitch-free digital environment.

ICT support and hands-on assistance were extended to a diverse audience including foreign delegations, entrepreneurs, Chambers of Commerce, and government departments alike, ensuring that no participant was left without the technological support they needed to engage effectively.

Bandwidth, Stalls, and Beyond

Understanding the diverse and high-demand connectivity needs of a multi-sector investment conference, NIC ensured adequate dedicated bandwidth availability for exhibitors and administrative operations throughout the event in co-ordination with BSNL and other ISP.

A responsive technical support team remained on standby throughout the programme, addressing issues in real time and ensuring zero downtime. NIC also extended assistance in live broadcast coordination as per the programme's requirements, amplifying the reach of the conference well beyond the venue.



NIC Surat Team at VGRC (South Gujarat) 2026

Technology as a Catalyst for Investment

The end-to-end ICT management carried out by NIC Surat ensured that every B2B meeting, every B2G interaction, and every delegation engagement was supported by a reliable, efficient, and secure digital infrastructure.

Portal for Monitoring the Security of Public Assets



Asset Safety Monitoring

Home

HRMS-Login

Knowledge Base

Helpline

STRUCTURAL SAFETY MONITORING FOR RELIABLE PUBLIC ASSETS



The **“Asset Safety Monitoring Portal”** is a centralized digital platform developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC), Gujarat under the guidance of Principal Secretary, ARTD, Government of Gujarat, with the objective of effective monitoring, maintenance and security of over 1.5 public infrastructure assets such as roads, bridges and buildings.

In the past, lack of a centralized monitoring system between different departments led to a lack of transparency and delays in decision-making. This portal addresses these shortcomings by creating a unified system that is compliant with asset tracking, inspection, and security regulations, thereby ensuring transparency, accountability, and timely action.

It is mandatory for all government departments to upload complete information about their assets, including asset type, GIS-based location, photo and custodian details. Every asset on this portal is given a unique digital identity, allowing for monitoring throughout its lifecycle. The portal has an automated inspection calendar based on set rules, with alerts and reminders to ensure timely inspection of assets.



Training Sessions



Field officers conduct inspections of their asset and upload reports that include photographs and condition assessments. Properties are categorized based on their safety status, helping to identify those requiring immediate attention. In cases involving critical or unsafe properties, the system automatically initiates an electronic file for repair or reconstruction approvals, ensuring prompt action.

At Tri Mandir, Adalaj for Revenue Department's



ICT Support by DIO



Gandhinagar



During 5-7 May 2026, Revenue Department organized a Chintan Shibir, which was hosted by Collector and District Magistrate Gandhinagar at Tri Mandir Campus, Adalaj.



DIO, NIC Gandhinagar has assigned ICT Support duty during 5-7 May 2026 for event place.

DIO, NIC along with the FMS team involved in the primary ICT Setup at all the locations of the Shibir where technical setups are placed to provide ICT Services.

DIO NIC Gandhinagar along with the FMS Engineers deployed 24*7 basis at the event place and provided real time ICT Support to the Management of the Shibir, District Administration and Collectors and their staff attending the Shibir as and when required.



NIC Team during Chintan Shibir

He also coordinated with Vendor and District Administration as well as venue technical teams to ensure the ICT Support for each and every place of the Shibir. Also attended some sessions along with the NIC Team headed by Sh. Atul Khunti Sir. NIC Support and Service has been appraised by District Administration.

Monitoring and Management of the Local Body Elections-2026 by NIC Gujarat's Poll Monitoring System (PMS)

NIC Gujarat provided end-to-end ICT and technical support during the local body elections conducted by the State Election Commission (SEC) in April 2026. Real-time digital monitoring and management of Municipal Corporation, Nagarpalika, District Panchayat & Taluka Panchayat elections and by-elections was ensured through the Centralised Poll Monitoring System (PMS). This system enabled effective, transparent and seamless conduct of these elections with 2.5 crore registered voters and 10,010 total seats.

System Overview

PMS made available to election officials at both state & district levels, thereby data integration process was centralized, bringing transparency, accuracy and speed in decision making process at every level of administration. NIC provided continuous technical support, application monitoring and operational help during all the critical stages like voting, live monitoring and declaration of results.

Multi-Channel Digital Features



Real-Time Monitoring

Based on the type of election, continuous live tracking of voting percentage at 30-60 minutes interval during polling time.



Granular Analytics

Demographic analysis based on male, female and other voter categories at ward, constituency and district level.



Dynamic Dashboards

Pie charts, trend lines & alerts for lowest/highest turnout areas. Gujarati-localized dashboards for micro-level monitoring of nominations across all districts.



Secure Role-Based Access

Secured, role-based data consolidation from field offices to state HQ.

System Active Modules



Pre-Election: Masters (Ward, Seat, RO), Nomination, Affidavit, Withdrawal, Uncontested Entry



Poll Day: Voting entry in 2-hour interval slots; ballot number & symbol (pratik) entry



Result Day: Result entries, winner declaration, upload of candidate expenses



Reports & MIS: Public dashboard, e-dashboard, MIS reports, nomination details, results

10,010

Total Seats (All Elections)
MNP+NPE+DPE+TPE+NPE By-Elec

2.5 Cr

Registered Voters
Across all Election Types

1.72 Cr

Total Votes Cast
Male + Female + Other Voters

~67%

Avg. Overall Turnout
MNP · NPE · DPE · TPE- NPE By Election

Update Intervals by Election Type

Election Type	MNP	NP	Dist / Taluka Panchayat
Update Interval	30 Min	30 Min	60 Min
Escalation Threshold	4 Hrs	6 Hrs	8 Hrs

Farewell ceremony organized for Shri Pankaj K. Pathak, 'Scientist F', upon his retirement



A grand farewell ceremony was organized by NIC Gujarat on May 30, 2026, to mark the retirement of Shri Pankaj K. Pathak. The event was held to acknowledge his outstanding contributions to the development and implementation of various e-governance applications—including G2C, G2B, and G2G services—for the Government of Gujarat. NIC officials and staff from the Gujarat State Centre in Gandhinagar, as well as from district NIC centres, participated in the ceremony via video conferencing.

Shri Pramod Kumar Singh, Scientist-G and SIO (Gujarat), extended a warm welcome to Shri Pankaj Pathak by presenting him with a floral bouquet. Shri Kunal Derashri, Scientist-C, warmly welcomed Shri Pankaj Pathak's family members and all the participants who joined the event, both virtually and in person.

The SIO, NIC Gujarat, highlighted Mr. Pathak's significant contribution in delivering end-to-end solutions for various departments, including the Transport Department, Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), Gujarat Pollution Control Board, and the State Election Department. He also commended Mr. Pankaj Pathak's project management skills in guiding the development team to meet milestones on time and collaborating with user departments to re-engineer their processes.

Mr. Atul B. Khunti (Scientist-G), Mr. Harish M. Patel (Scientist-G), and Mr. Dinesh Chauhan (Scientist-F) presented a memento to Mr. Pankaj Pathak. Also colleagues from both state and district levels appreciated his technical expertise and guidance.

The event was deeply emotional and memorable, featuring heartfelt speeches and warm wishes from colleagues acknowledging his dedication, professionalism, and exemplary leadership.

Throughout his tenure, he provided services for the design, development, and implementation of various e-governance projects across multiple departments, such as Social Justice, Food and Civil Supplies, Agriculture, the Gujarat Pollution Control Board, the Food and Drug Control Administration (Health Department), and the Transport Department. Finally, he expressed his sincere gratitude to all his colleagues for their good wishes and for bidding him farewell after a long service spanning 33 years and 11 months at NIC Gujarat State.



SIO, Gujarat welcoming Sh. Pankaj Pathak



SIO, Gujarat and NIC Officers Presenting Gift & Certificate of Honour to Sh. Pankaj Pathak



Shri Tushar Mehta, Scientist-F, proposed the vote of thanks and wished Shri Pankaj Pathak good health, peace, and happiness in the years ahead. He appreciated the presence of all the participants and expressed gratitude to Shri Subin Thoppil and Shri Kunal Derashri for organizing the event.

Farewell Function in Honour of Transferred Officials of NIC Gujarat

A farewell ceremony was organized in June 2026 to honor the following officials of the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Gujarat State, upon their transfer:

Shri Amit Dinkerbhai Shah [Scientist-F],
Shri Mehta Tushar Manuprasad [Scientist-F],
Shri Kiran A. Shah [Scientist-F],
Shri Abraham Varghese [Scientist-E],
Shri Himanshu P. Mehta [Scientist-E],
Shri Devaka Gulabsinh [Scientist-E],
Shri Abhishek R Vachharajani [Scientist-C]



All 6 Transferred Officers of NIC State Centre





Dumas Beach

Dumas Beach is a famous tourist destination located in the **Dumas area of Surat, Gujarat**, along the Arabian Sea. Situated about **21 km from Surat city**, the beach stretches for approximately **2 km** along the coastline. It is known for its unique black sand, beautiful sunsets, cool sea breeze, and vibrant atmosphere. Visitors enjoy the seaside promenade, local street food, camel rides, and nearby attractions, making it one of the most popular recreational spots in the Surat region.