

# "GUJARAT DAY"

(May 1, 1960)

## "HAPPY 47<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY GUJARAT"

"THE LAND OF RICH CULTURE AND HERITAGE"



The land of Gandhi & Morarji, a place where the roots of the nation were deep rooted to make it a democratic nation. Gujarat, the land with thriving cities, progressing Industries, a land of free was formed on May 1, 1960 with it's capital Ahmadabad, later shifted to Gandhinagar.

The mystic experience as it unfolds its magic in abundance. With the largest Coastline in the Country, Gujarat has much to offer to its people. Tourists flock in to explore its unique development, join in the festive seasons, enjoy the originalities of the performing genius of the folk art, music and dances.

Ranked next to Maharashtra, Gujarat has Entrepreneurship skills of gujaratis which has given birth to big companies like Reliance, Arvind, etc.

As free souls explores the Glorious Gujarat, experience the towns and cities, fairs and festivals, places of pilgrimage, cottage Industries and so on.

### **Towns & Cities:**

Gujarat stands tall with its cities like Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat, Rajkot, Janagar, Bhavnagar, Porbandar, Junagadh, Patan, etc etc.

The blend of traditional values and modern outlook feature very significant in the cities of Gujarat. Each city has its own attraction for sight seeing . Ahmedabad has the rich muahal architecture of Sidi

Hridaya Kunj, Sabarmati Ashram



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Bhadra fort



### Fairs & Festivals:

Navratri



Religion in Gujarat has its root in its History. Colourful fairs are held in Gujarat like the Tarnetar fair, Surendranagar, Somnath fair at the famous temple of Somnath, Vautha fair held near Ahmedabad, Jain fairs at Palitana, Sarkhej fair at the Roza, Dang darbar at Dang Adivasi Dist., Bhavnath fair near Junagadh.. The Modhera Dance festival is a romantic feat of classical dance against the backdrop of Modhera, sun temple. The Chitra Vichitra at Poshina, in the interior of Sabarkantha, the tribals have a fiesta of extraordinary skills with ethenic attires, customs and dance forms. International Kite festival, Janmashtmi, Navratri, Dassehra, Makarsankranti, Mahashivratri, Ramnavmi, Rathyatra, Muhorram, Diwali and many more festivals are celebrated in Gujarat with pomp and show.

Kite Festival



### Places of Pilgrmage:

Main attractions are to Ambaji, Palitana, Somnath, Dwarka, Dakor, Pavagadh, Modhera, Shuklatirth, Akshardham, Sola temple with many more places for offering prayers.

Somnath



## Handicrafts:

Decoration in Kutch



Patan na Patola



Gujarat handicrafts have become world famous with finest examples of craftsmanship in various forms and patterns. Kachchh is the breeding ground of handicrafts. Laquer work, clay utensils, toys, silver jewellery, weaving and thread work are the finest examples. Wall paintings with decorated raised patterns and many leather items are also made in Kachch and Rajkot. Embroidery, Patch work and mirror work of Saurashtra is much in demand. Sankheda furniture is unique which produce extraordinary pieces at Sankheda, near Baroda. Textile weaving also has rich tradition in Gujarat with the world over famous Patolas of Patan, Bandhanis of Jamnagar etc.

Beaches: The famous beaches of Gujarat are Chorwad, Ahmedpur Mandvi, Tithal, Ubharat

## Wild Life Sanctuaries:

Sasan Gir, the abode the Lion, the only place in world except Africa. Animals like Deer, Cheetah, antelopes, etc. are also seen here.

Sasan Gir Sanctuary



Nal Sarova is a bird sanctuary where the birds from across the seas take recluse during bitter winters.

Birds flock here around November to February. The wild Ass Sactuary in Kachchh have made thousands of animals their homes free to roam without fear of extinction.

Asiatic wild asses / Khur



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