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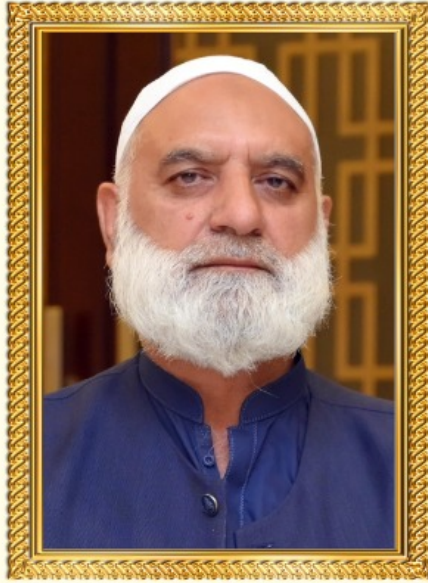
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The Holy Prophet
MUHAMMAD
(S.A.A.W.)
Said

"Allah, His Angels and all those in Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their ant-hills and fish in the water, call down blessings on those who instruct in beneficial Knowledge"

(Al-Tirmizi, Hadith 422)

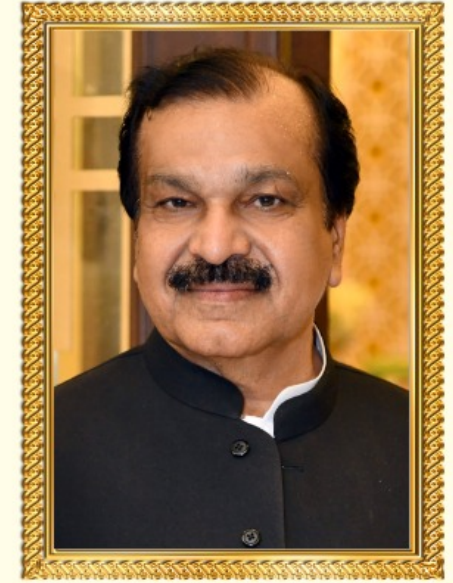


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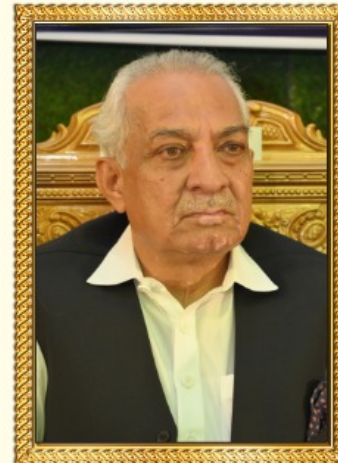


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President MESSAGE

I am deeply grateful to Almighty Allah for His countless blessings, and to the leadership of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GtCCI) for granting me the honor of serving as President for the term 2024–25. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all Chamber members and my colleagues for their confidence and support. Throughout my tenure, I endeavored to fulfill my responsibilities with sincerity and dedication. My vision was to facilitate and empower our members, which led to the establishment of key initiatives including the NADRA Registration Center, PCSIR Sample Collection Center, and the Overseas Counter in the One Window Facilitation Center at GtCCI.

We also took a historic step by establishing the Women's Enclave Center to support our female members. This center provides services from multiple departments, including the Punjab Police Khidmat Markaz, driving training, police reporting services, social welfare, and liaison for free legal aid. Furthermore, to encourage women entrepreneurs and strengthen women's development, we played a vital role in obtaining the license for the Gujrat Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry. During this term, we worked tirelessly to address the challenges faced by traders, industrialists, and manufacturers. We strongly raised their concerns on multiple platforms, particularly regarding the amendments in the Finance Act 2025, and were able to secure much-needed relief for the business community. Our initiatives included meetings with federal and provincial ministers, heads of departments, organizing seminars, training sessions, and signing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with various organizations to enhance member convenience.

On the international front, we successfully arranged multiple foreign delegations to Türkiye, Morocco, and Egypt, and also represented GtCCI at the International Exhibition in Tajikistan, fostering bilateral trade and creating business opportunities. Through collective efforts, we achieved record-breaking membership renewals and witnessed significant growth in new memberships. This remarkable progress is a testament to the unity, dedication, and vision of our Chamber. I am confident that GtCCI will continue to achieve new milestones of success in the future.

Insha Allah.



**President GTCCI
M. Munir Peshawari**

Senior Vice President MESSAGE



I am thankful to Allah Almighty for his blessings on me. I would also like to thank my leadership for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Senior Vice President for the year 2024-2025. I would also like to thank the Executive Members for believing in us and supporting us. During the tenure, we strived for the betterment and upgrading of GtCCI. This year has been marked by significant achievements and progress for our organization. I wish to underscore the importance of our training workshops and seminars, which have played a pivotal role in the development of the local business community in Gujrat. By the Grace of Allah Almighty, we have served the business community of Gujrat. I am sure the coming year will bring more success for the Chamber.

Senior Vice President
Moosa Nadeem

Vice President MESSAGE



I am thankful to Allah Almighty and my seniors for providing me with the opportunity to serve as Vice President of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GtCCI). This role offered me valuable learning experiences. With the guidance of my seniors, I focused on strengthening international relations and arranging foreign delegations. We successfully enhanced our foreign relations, facilitated business delegation exchanges, and organized international conferences. I am optimistic that the new cabinet will continue to serve and support the business community of Gujrat effectively.

Vice President
Fahd Rafiq



Secretary General MESSAGE



Our objective is to contribute to increased profitability and competitiveness of member companies through networking, training and development, and consulting. Since our establishment, we have worked to protect and promote our members' interests, with advocacy as a key element. We have engaged with top-level officials from federal and provincial governments and departments.

We are living through unprecedented times. The world has been turned upside down, with some businesses failing, others thriving, and many holding on by a thread. Each of us continues to work hard to move our professional and personal lives forward while staying safe. This requires fortitude, persistence, and creativity. The best thing we can do is support each other. While we may not connect in person, we can still be available to one another, share experiences, and help each other.

Our focus is to increase business activities by removing obstacles. We have designed a wide range of activities, including meetings, consultations, training programs, workshops, seminars, and consultative sessions, all aimed at strengthening competence and creating networks. We want to maintain the competitiveness of local products in domestic and international markets. Our focus is networking and competence development, fostering a business environment that stimulates a culture of cooperation and innovation.

At the Gujarat Chamber, we are listening and taking action. You told us what you value most as a member: growing membership, being part of a trustworthy organization, and being connected to the community. The organization is committed to promoting the businesses of our region and helping them navigate the new landscape. The Chamber wants the best for businesses and consumers, aiming for sustainable growth for both new and existing enterprises.

Our successful future depends on our partnership with you—the business owner, the worker, and the consumer. We are here to serve you and will continue to use our voice and prestigious platform to address the issues of our businessmen. During this tenure, we have pursued significant issues for local manufacturers and secured relief for our valuable members through various partnerships. Academia linkages for research and development and women's development and encouragement have also been prioritized.

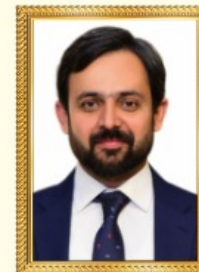
We promise to maintain open dialogue and be receptive to new ideas and suggestions for improvement. We believe that the path to prosperity can only be achieved by uniting our efforts and continuing to grow together.

Secretary General
M. Usman Muzaffar



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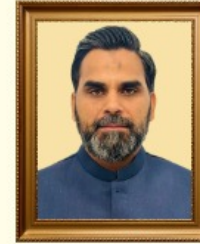
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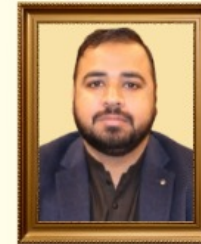
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GUJRAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

The Annual General Meeting of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry for the year 2023-24 was held at Sagheer Castle Marquee, Gujrat. A huge gathering of the members of Gujrat Chamber attended the meeting. The distinguished guests included Mr. S.M. Tanveer Former Provincial Minister for Industries & Commerce, Mr. Zaki Ejaz Vice President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry and Regional Chairman, Mr. Tayyab Hafeez Cheema Regional Police Officer, Gujranwala & Gujrat, Mr. Kareem Aziz Malik Chairman Capital Office Islamabad, FPCCI, Haji Nasir Mehmood President Shaheen Group, and Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi President Founder Group.



The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by Naat Sharif and Darood Pak. Afterwards, Secretary General Mr. Muhammad Usman Muzaffar presented the approval of the previous proceedings and shared details of the Audit Report 2023-24. The appointment of the Auditor Firm was also approved.



Malik Mazhar Iqbal, Chief Election Commissioner of Gujrat Chamber, formally announced the results of the elections for 2024-26. Outgoing President Mr. Sikandar Ishfaq Razi highlighted the performance and achievements of his tenure in his farewell address.



A significant part of the meeting was the oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers and Executive Members. Former Provincial Minister Mr. S.M. Tanveer administered the oath to the newly elected President Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, Senior Vice President Mr. Moosa Nadeem Malhi, Vice President Mr. Fahd Rafiq, along with the Executive Members. Later, newly elected President Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari delivered his address. On this occasion, Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi Group Leader Founder Group, Haji Nasir Mehmood Group Leader Shaheen Group, Mr. Tayyab Hafeez Cheema RPO Gujranwala & Gujrat, and Mr. S.M. Tanveer Former Provincial Minister, also addressed the gathering.



Shields were also presented to the Retiring Office Bearers, Executive Members, Election Commission members, Standing Committees Chairmen, and Former Presidents. Special souvenirs were also presented to the distinguished guests and Group Leaders.



After the annual elections of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry a grand ceremony was organized to hand over the charge to the newly elected office bearers.

The newly elected President Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari received the charge from the retiring President Mr. Sikandar Ishfaq Razi. Mr. Moosa Nadeem Melhi assumed the office of Senior Vice President, while Mr. Fahd Rafiq took charge as Vice President. The newly elected Executive Members, along with the retiring office bearers, retiring Executive Members, and former Presidents, also attended the ceremony. On this occasion, Group Leaders Haji Nasir Mahmood and Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi, along with executive members and senior members congratulated President Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, Senior Vice President Mr. Moosa Nadeem Melhi, and Vice President Mr. Fahd Rafiq on the occasion.



NADRA REGISTRATION CENTER INAUGURATION



A session was held under the presidency of Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President, Gujrat Chamber, to inaugurate the NADRA Registration Counter and NADRA e-Facilitation Counter at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



In this meeting, Mr. Muhammad Fahim Khan, Director General NADRA RHO Islamabad, Mr. Chaudhry Bilal Basit, Advisor Federal Tax Ombudsman (Spain), Mr. Haji Nasir Mahmood, Group Leader, Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi, Group Leader, Mr. Fahad Rafiq, Vice President, NADRA officials, and other members of Gujrat Chamber participated. President of GtCCI, welcomed the guests and introduced Gujrat Chamber and its activities. He said that this organization has always raised its voice for the business community and has approached every platform to find solutions for their problems. Gujrat Chamber is always working for the improvement of the country's economy and strengthening international relations, and for this purpose, we take delegations abroad and also invite the business community from other countries. We have recently participated in the International Expo in Tajikistan. In addition, we have organized a Business Investment and Opportunity Conference in the city of Mersin, Turkiye. We have also taken delegations to other countries where we have held meetings with various ambassadors, trade counsellors, and consuls general to bring international business opportunities and investment to the country.



We have established a One Window Facilitation Center at Gujrat Chamber for the convenience of the members of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and their families. Help desks of various institutions such as GEPCO, Federal Tax Ombudsman, Punjab Job Portal, Excise Taxation and Narcotics Control Department, Punjab Police Khidmat Markaz, and Driving License Test Center have been set up. The purpose of today's gathering is the inauguration of the NADRA Registration Counter at the One Window Facilitation Center. The aim is to provide all NADRA services under one roof to the business community of Gujrat.

The establishment of this center has been made possible by the special interest of Mr. Chaudhry Bilal Basit, Advisor FTO Spain, Mr. Chaudhry Amanat Ali Mehr, Advisor FTO, and Mr. Haji Nasir Mahmood Group Leader. I would like to thank Chairman NADRA, Lieutenant General Muhammad Munir Afsar, and Mr. Muhammad Fahim Khan, Director General NADRA, for approving this center. This service is definitely a great facility for the members of Gujrat Chamber and their families, from which they will benefit fully.



Mr. Muhammad Fahim Khan, Director General NADRA, said that NADRA is trying to establish its offices wherever possible. We currently have more than one thousand units, and you will find NADRA counters in every tehsil and town. Apart from this, there is also a mobile van service to provide maximum convenience to the public. There is also a bike service from NADRA, and by calling 1777, you can call a representative from NADRA to your home. There is also an online facility from NADRA, and you can get your documents issued through the Pak ID app. The regions of Islamabad, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujrat, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Kashmir come under my control. Staff will be appointed to facilitate female members. After the meeting session, the office bearers, group leaders, DG NADRA, and executive committee members inaugurated the NADRA Registration Counter and NADRA e-Facilitation Counter.

At this NADRA Registration Counter, members of Gujrat Chamber and their families will be provided with NADRA facilities such as CNIC, B-Form, Family Registration Certificate, Change of Marital Status, CNIC Cancellation, and other NADRA services. Whereas, at the NADRA e-Facilitation Counter, payment of utility bills, biometric verification, issuance of land accord per person, arms license fee, FBR services, sales tax registration, issuance of PSW, and other facilities will also be provided.





WOMEN'S ENCLAVE INAUGURATION



The Women's Enclave Project was inaugurated at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry by Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President Gujrat Chamber, Dr. Tayyab Hafeez Cheema, RPO Gujrat and Gujranwala, Dr. Mustansar Atta Bajwa, DPO Gujrat, Haji Nasir Mahmood, Group Leader, Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi, Group Leader, Mr. Moosa Nadeem, Senior Vice President, along with Executive Members, Former Presidents, and other senior members.



This project has been completed with the support of the business community of Gujrat, in which Chenab Orchard (a project of Malhi Group), Sethi's Lifestyle, office bearers, and executive members of Gujrat Chamber have contributed. After the inauguration, a meeting session was also arranged in GtCCI. Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President Gujrat Chamber, welcomed all the guests and said that the purpose for which we have gathered here today is the inauguration of Women's Enclave at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This is a very important project which has been completed with the special interest and cooperation of Dr. Tayyab Hafeez Cheema, RPO Gujranwala, and Haji Nasir Mahmood, Group Leader, and for this I express my special gratitude to them.



Mr. Nadeem Akhtar Malhi, CEO Malhi Group, and Mr. Yasir Yaqub Sethi have supported us a lot in this project and for this, I am also very grateful to them. My executive members, Mr. Ali Shan Jamshed and Mr. Imran Warraich also supported me a lot for this project; I also thank them.



Women's Enclave is a great service for the women members of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the women of Gujrat city, where they will be provided with more than ten services including a reporting center for police matters, a reporting center for Police and Cybercrime, women's ombudsman, social welfare, Khidmat Markaz, Driving Training school, and liaison for free legal aid and counseling services. The latest simulator for women's driving classes has also been installed in this enclave.



In addition, the members of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry can also services of One Window Facilitation Center established in Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry is your institution, and all these services are for you. Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry will continue to provide services to its members in the same way. 6 bikes were also been specially gifted by Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry to lady police officers for patrolling.

Dr. Tayyab Hafeez Cheema, RPO Gujranwala, said that there is great joy in coming to Gujrat Chamber today and there is also a sense of success. The foundation of a state-of-the-art Women's Enclave has been laid in Gujrat Chamber today. 6 bikes have also been gifted by Gujrat Chamber, which will be used in areas where women shop. 12 lady constables will patrol and for this they will be trained from Gujranwala.

In this Women's Enclave, women will be provided with driving training on a modern simulator and licenses will be issued here. Apart from this, counseling, FIR, crime report, registration report, violence, dowry matters, legal guidance and many other services will be provided under one roof and for this, you will not have to go to the police station, but everything will be available at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He appreciated the GtCCI and said Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry is currently leading among all chambers and deserves praise for building a Women's Enclave in less than two months.





AMBASSADOR OF PORTUGAL

H.E MR. FREDERICO SILVA



The Ambassador of Portugal to Pakistan, H.E Mr. Frederico Silva, accompanied by Mr. Iftikhar Feroze (Honorary Counsellor Lahore and Ms Rifat Fatima Human Rights Officer, visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry GtCCI and met with the business community under the presidency of Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President GtCCI.



President Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari welcomed the Ambassador, introduced Gujrat's rich industrial base, and emphasized strengthening Pakistan-Portugal trade ties, noting that Pakistan's exports to Portugal are around \$430 million and imports about \$35 million. He also noted that cultural and educational exchanges between Pakistan and Portugal have contributed to stronger mutual understanding and cooperation, including collaborations in education and cultural activities. He highlighted the need for trade delegations, B2B meetings, and agreements to boost bilateral trade and sought support to provide access for Gujrat's products to Portuguese and European markets.



Ambassador H.E Mr. Frederico Silva appreciated the hospitality, praised Gujrat's vibrant business community, and highlighted that a large Pakistani diaspora especially from Gujrat resides in Portugal. He mentioned Portugal's \$300 billion economy, 11 million population, and 80% renewable energy production, with key sectors including IT and renewable energy. He noted Pakistan mainly exports rice, textiles, surgical instruments, and leather to Portugal, while Portugal exports machinery, paper, cork, and scrap, and mentioned that Portuguese cork is used in cricket balls made in Pakistan. He encouraged joint ventures and noted that Portugal and Pakistan have signed an MoU on education and research and share 75 years of diplomatic relations. He invited Pakistani exporters to approach the Embassy of Pakistan in Portugal and relevant trade bodies for guidance on entering the Portuguese market.

An introductory video on Portugal's industry and technology was shown, and the meeting concluded with the presentation of a souvenir to the Ambassador by the President GtCCI.





AMBASSADOR OF KAZAKHSTAN TO PAKISTAN H.E MR. YERZHAN KASTAFIN



His Excellency Mr. Yerzhan Kastafin, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan, accompanied by members of the International Chamber of Commerce of Kazakhstan and the First Secretary Kazakhstan Embassy Pakistan, visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and held a meeting with Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber, along with Executive Members, Former Presidents, and Members of the Chamber.

The President GtCCI welcomed the Ambassador of Kazakhstan and said that this is his second visit to the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce, which is an important step toward strengthening trade relations between the two countries. He said that the Chamber is striving to promote domestic trade and is seeking strong international ties to support this. The Chamber is in close contact with various embassies and trade missions in Pakistan, and a high-profile delegation from the Gujrat Chamber has also visited Kazakhstan with the full support of the Ambassador.



He briefed the Ambassador on the industries of Gujrat, which include electrical appliances (especially fans), furniture, pottery and ceramics, shoes, carpets, textiles and garments, PVC pipes, precast products, gems and jewelry, soaps and detergents, and agricultural products. He said, there are over 450 units in the fan sector, more than 150 units in pottery and ceramics, around 900 furniture units, and over 250 units in various other businesses. He added that strong ties have been built between Gujrat Chamber and the Embassy of Kazakhstan, and under the patronage of the Ambassador, their delegation members reviewed trade opportunities in Kazakhstan, which helped boost bilateral trade. He expressed the desire to further strengthen this relationship and exchange more delegations in the future to promote bilateral trade and networking. He said the purpose of this meeting was to further enhance trade and diplomatic relations between Kazakhstan and Pakistan and open new doors for development.



Ambassador Mr. Yerzhan Kastafin said that they are trying to promote bilateral trade and have established the International Chamber of Commerce of Kazakhstan for this purpose. He said they want to resolve trade-related issues. He mentioned that the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan recently met the Prime Minister of Pakistan, during the OIC conference to discuss current challenges and their solutions. He added that direct flights will be launched to solve connectivity issues between the two countries, and agreements have been signed with and for logistics support. He highlighted that Kazakhstan's construction sector is growing rapidly, and there is high demand for furniture and pottery. They plan to bring business delegations from Kazakhstan to Pakistan and organize a conference. He shared that trade between Pakistan and Kazakhstan has doubled over the past year, reaching \$200 million, and efforts are underway to raise it to \$1 billion. He also gave a presentation on business opportunities in Kazakhstan, stating that the country ranks 61st in Asia for foreign direct investment, has a per capita income of around \$14,000, and a GDP of \$264 billion. He added that Kazakhstan has very favorable tax policies for businesses.



He mentioned that there are vast opportunities in the minerals and agriculture sectors. For banking, Kazakhstan has the on the model of the , which offers tax exemptions until 2066. They are also implementing e-visas to make business visa issuance easier after verification. Businesses can be registered within a week, and support will be provided if needed. He said that it takes a maximum of one week to register a business in Kazakhstan. You can start a business individually or with a partner.

At the end of the session, Vice President of GtCCI, thanked the guests and expressed hope that new avenues of trade would open between the two countries and new opportunities would emerge. He assured that delegations from the Gujrat Chamber would definitely be organized to Kazakhstan in the future.

The Ambassador was then taken on a tour of the industrial sectors of Gujrat. He visited Alfalah Trade Center, Taimur Fans, Alhamid Ceramics, Trendline Furnishers, and NM Furnishers, where he witnessed the quality of products and production processes.



HIGH COMMISSIONER OF BANGLADESH TO PAKISTAN H.E. MR. IQBAL HUSSAIN KHAN



High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Iqbal Hussain Khan along with Mr. Aminul Islam Khan, Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Tayeb Ali, Counselor, and other officials visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and held a meeting with the business community of Gujrat.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President GtCCI, welcomed the distinguished guests and introduced them to the industry and trade of Gujrat. He highlighted the services and role of GtCCI and said that Pakistan and Bangladesh have strong diplomatic and trade relations, which have further strengthened in recent years. Both countries are exploring new opportunities for cooperation in various sectors. Pakistan exports textiles, cement, fans and pharmaceutical products to Bangladesh, while Bangladesh supplies jute, ready-made garments and raw materials to Pakistan. In 2023, Pakistan exported goods worth 690 million dollars to Bangladesh. Both countries are considering direct business exchanges and preferential trade agreements to further expand trade relations.



Mr. Peshawari thanked Bangladesh for its support during the India-Pakistan conflict and said that Bangladesh is a brotherly country with which bilateral relations should be further strengthened. He said that Gujrat is already exporting pedestal and ceiling fans to Bangladesh. Gujrat's solid wood furniture industry is known worldwide for its quality and craftsmanship and can perform well in the Bangladeshi market. He also mentioned that the pottery, ceramics and tableware industry of Gujrat is an emerging sector producing beautiful and high-quality products. He added that footwear, textiles, garments, carpets and PVC products from Gujrat are known for their quality and could also be introduced in Bangladesh. He requested the High Commission to support in promoting exports of electrical appliances, furniture, and tableware from this region. He added GtCCI also plans to send a trade delegation to Bangladesh to strengthen bilateral trade relations and explore new business opportunities.



H.E. Mr. Iqbal Hussain Khan thanked GtCCI for the warm welcome and said that he had visited the chambers of the Golden Triangle—Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and now GtCCI in Gujrat.

He appreciated the quality and competitive pricing of Pakistani products and said that the Government of Bangladesh wants to improve its relations with Pakistan which have remained limited for the past fifteen years.

He said both countries have seaports which can be used to improve trade. Direct flights between Pakistan and Bangladesh are also being planned, and two private airlines from each country will operate these flights to save time and cost. Bangladesh wants to export pineapples and coconuts to Pakistan and import sugar and rice from Pakistan. He emphasized that Pakistan and Bangladesh can be the best markets for each other, and now is the time to strengthen mutual trade relations.



He stressed on greater cooperation among South Asian countries and the importance of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to enhance regional trade. He said South Asian countries are rich in history, culture and skills and should cooperate with each other in times of crisis to ensure smooth trade. Bangladesh has simplified its visa process and will launch an online visa system by December to make it easier. He also said that both countries are working on reducing customs duties to promote trade between Pakistan and Bangladesh.





COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY OF UZBEKISTAN IN PAKISTAN

MR. RAVSHAN JAMANOV



A meeting was held at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry with Mr. Ravshan Jamanov, Commercial Counselor of the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Pakistan,

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari welcomed the guest and highlighted that the Gujrat Chamber is actively working to promote domestic trade while building strong international linkages. He introduced the industrial landscape of Gujrat, mentioning its diverse production sectors, including electrical appliances, furniture, pottery, ceramics, shoes, carpets, textiles, garments, PVC pipes, precast materials, gems and jewelry, soaps and detergents, auto body parts, and agricultural products such as wheat, sugarcane, and rice. He noted that trade between Pakistan and Uzbekistan has seen remarkable growth from around USD 300 million in 2023 to USD 404 million by mid-2025 driven by improved logistics, joint projects, and expansion of the preferential trade agreement. Both countries have set targets to raise bilateral trade to USD 1 billion in the near future and eventually to USD 2 billion, supported by efforts to enhance transit logistics, industrial cooperation, and trade facilitation. He expressed the Chamber's intent to exchange trade delegations with Uzbekistan to further strengthen bilateral economic and diplomatic ties.



Mr. Ravshan Jamanov, Commercial Counselor thanked the Chamber for the warm welcome, stating that his visit aimed to learn about Gujrat's industry and explore opportunities to boost trade with Pakistan, especially in electrical appliances and agricultural products such as rice and mangoes. He mentioned that three direct flights are currently operating between the two countries two from Lahore and one from Islamabad with plans to start flights from Karachi as well. He highlighted that Uzbekistan has three tax-free economic zones with waived utility charges and received over USD 37 billion in foreign direct investment last year. Mr. Jamanov invited a business delegation from Gujrat to visit Uzbekistan and assured full facilitation in logistics, payments, and investment opportunities, stressing that the infrastructure is ready and there are no barriers to doing business.



SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT PAK-MALAYSIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

MS. SHAMA IQBAL



Ms. Shama Iqbal, Senior Vice President Pak-Malaysia Business Associates and Deputy Convener of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry FPCCI Committee for Economy & She Development, along with Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Executive Member of Pak-Malaysia Business Associates, Ms. Almas Akhtar, Executive Member of the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rawalpindi, Ms. Shanze Fatima, Executive Member of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Ms. Hiba Iqbal, Marketing Manager of Buzzy B. Malaysia, visited the Gujrat Chamber, and the local business community.

Ms. Shama Iqbal introduced herself and her organization, stating that they work for trade promotion and women empowerment in Malaysia. She mentioned that they regularly take small delegations from different chambers and organizations to Malaysia and arrange business-to-business meetings there. She further shared that they are planning to start services for establishing businesses in Finland soon, and expressed interest in taking delegations from Gujrat Chamber to increase exports and imports through sectoral linkages and meetings.



Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari warmly welcomed the guests and briefed them about the services of Gujrat Chamber. He shared that the Chamber is actively working for women empowerment and has established a Women's Enclave, where women are provided facilities for police reporting, cybercrime reporting, Social welfare, counseling services, driving training, and liaison services for legal aid. He added that recently, successful delegations from Gujrat have visited Türkiye, Morocco, and Egypt, where they held meetings with various institutions to promote trade. He encouraged the delegation to share information about trade opportunities in the fan, furniture, and pottery sectors in Malaysia, highlighting that Gujrat has surpassed China in the fan industry, and fans made in Gujrat are renowned worldwide for their quality.

Mr. Fahad Rafiq, Vice President of Gujrat Chamber, suggested organizing an expo to showcase local products. He shared that preparations are underway for upcoming expos in South Africa and Saudi Arabia, and expressed willingness to explore similar opportunities in Malaysia.

After the meeting, the guests visited the Gujrat Chamber Export Display Center, One Window Facilitation Center, and Womens Enclave.



GtCCI DELEGATION TO TAJKISTAN



A delegation of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, led by Mr. Moosa Nadeem, Senior Vice President, and Mr. Haji Fayyaz Alam, Secretary General of Shaheen Group, participated in the International Universal Expo held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The visit was made on the special invitation of the Ambassador of Pakistan to Tajikistan, H.E Mr. Sharifzoda Yusuf Toir.



The delegation comprised Raja Anis, Mr. Muhammad Abbas, Mr. Mehr Abdul Rehman, Mr. Hamza Iftikhar Hussain Malik (Executive Members), Mr. Chaudhry Waheeduddin, Mr. Adnan Iqbal Makki (Former Presidents), Mr. Khalid Pervez Butt, Mr. Osama Butt, Mr. Ghulam Mohiuddin (Former Executive Members), Mr. Saad Mushtaq, Mr. Chaudhry Nadeem Manzoor, Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz, Mr. Javed Ashraf, Mr. Raja Osama, Mr. Chaznoq Mazin Butt, and several other distinguished business figures from Gujrat.



The GtCCI delegation showcased a diverse range of locally manufactured products at the expo, including electric fans, pottery, furniture, handicrafts, and other traditional and industrial goods. Their stalls drew considerable attention and admiration from visitors, making them one of the focal points of the exhibition.

During the event, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Pakistan, H.E Mr. Sharifzoda Yusuf Toir, along with the Deputy Ambassador of Pakistan to Tajikistan, Mr. Imad Naseem, visited the GtCCI stalls and highly appreciated the quality, craftsmanship, and diversity of the displayed products. The stalls representing Gujrat's industries remained the center of public interest throughout the expo, reflecting the region's growing contribution to international trade and showcasing its potential for export growth.





GtCCI DELEGATION TO TURKIYE, EGYPT & MOROCCO

MEETING WITH ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

A business delegation of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by Former Vice President and Chairman Delegation Committee Mr. Muhammad Masoom Qamar visited the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where they were received by Vice President Mr. Mehmet Develioğlu. The delegation included Executive Members Mr. Abdul Rehman, Mr. Abbas Butt, Mr. Aqif Saeed, Mr. Mirza Awais Irfan, Mr. Adil Ashraf, Mr. Muhammad Usman Dar, Mr. Raja Asif Ali, Mr. Imran Abbas, Former Executive Members Mr. Malik Nasir Bashir, Mr. Khalid Pervez Butt, and members Mr. Abdul Khanan, Mr. Muhammad Naeem, Mr. Shiraz Gul, Mr. Muhammad Majid, Mr. Ijaz-ul-Arifeen, Mr. Zaman Altaf, Mr. Muhammad Chaznok Muzzain Butt, Mr. Ahmed Hussain Butt, Mr. Yasir Mahmood, and Mr. Muhammad Yunus.



On this occasion, the delegates stressed the need to promote trade and enhance business relations between Pakistan and Turkey. They also exchanged views on joint investment opportunities and mutual cooperation. Mr. Masoom Qamar invited the Vice President of the Istanbul Chamber to visit Pakistan, especially Gujrat Chamber, and highlighted that fans, furniture, pottery, ceramics, handicrafts, carpets, textiles, rice, and other products from Gujrat are exported worldwide. He expressed the desire to further expand trade relations with Turkey. On this occasion, gifts and shields were also presented to the Vice President on behalf of Gujrat Chamber. A week prior to this visit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was digitally signed between Gujrat Chamber and the Istanbul Chamber. This MoU was signed by Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber, and Mr. Şekib Avdagiç, President of the Istanbul Chamber.



MEETING WITH ASKON:

The delegation met with ASKON, the largest trade promotion organization in Turkey, where Chairman Mr. Muhammad Fateh hosted the Gujrat Chamber delegation. This meeting played an important role in strengthening the economic relations between the two countries and advancing trade relations. Mutual business opportunities, cooperation in various sectors, and investment areas were discussed, and B2B meetings were also organized by ASKON.



MEETING WITH ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF JEWELRY

The delegation also visited the Istanbul Chamber of Jewelry, where they were welcomed by its President Mr. Muhammad Mustafa. On this occasion, potential partnerships were discussed in areas including gold mining, technical education, gemology labs, and policymaking to strengthen Pakistan's economic and industrial framework. Suggestions were also made to send skilled youth from Pakistan to Istanbul for hands-on training with government support to facilitate this initiative. Mr. Muhammad Mustafa stated that Istanbul is currently leading 41,000 innovative companies, and this cooperation will open a new chapter of development and global connectivity for Pakistan. It was also discussed to arrange a high-level delegation from Pakistan to Istanbul, which will further promote Pakistan's gem and jewelry sector and open new avenues of international cooperation.



MEETING WITH UTEP

The delegation also held a meeting with the International Trade Matching Platform UTEP in Turkey. Vice President Mr. Farrukh Tok welcomed the delegation and said that Pakistan and Turkey are friendly countries and Pakistan has always supported Turkey. He emphasized the need to take this friendship to a new level economically and commercially. The meeting discussed ways to strengthen economic ties, explore business opportunities, enhance sectoral cooperation, and increase mutual investments. Members of the Gujrat Chamber delegation gave detailed presentations about their businesses and said they wanted to expand their trade with Turkey and gain access to each other's markets.



GtCCI DELEGATION TO EGYPT



After completing their visit to Turkey, the delegation led by Executive Member Mr. Abbas Butt arrived in Egypt. They held a meeting with the Cairo Chamber of Commerce, where they were welcomed by its board members. The delegation included Executive Members Mr. Adil Ashraf, Mr. Imran Abbas, Mr. Abdul Rehman, and members Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Mr. Khalid Pervez Butt, Mr. Yasir Mahmood, Mr. Ahmed Hussain Butt, Mr. Shiraz Gul, Mr. Muhammad Majid, and Mr. Zaman Altaf.



The aim of the meeting was to promote business relations between Pakistan and Egypt. B2B meetings were also held with the local business community, during which mutual cooperation was discussed in sectors such as textiles, agriculture, construction, and food. Pakistani investors showed special interest in Egypt's strategic location and market potential. This visit is expected to give a new dimension to both trade and the long-standing friendly relations between Pakistan and Egypt.



The delegation also met with the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones in Cairo. Officials Mr. Muhammad Qadafi and Ms. Reem Al-Kadi briefed the delegation about investment opportunities in Egypt. Members of the Gujrat Chamber delegation expressed their interest in doing business in Egypt and shared details of their B2B meetings with Egyptian businessmen. They also discussed investment opportunities related to their businesses and the facilities being offered by the Egyptian government.



MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN MIAN M. SHAHBAZ SHARIF

Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan



Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attended a high-level meeting chaired by Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



During the meeting, President GtCCI highlighted key issues related to the industrial sector of Gujrat. He emphasized the vital role that Gujrat's industry plays in the economic development of the country. He also raised serious concerns about the frequent and unannounced electricity shutdowns in Gujrat, particularly in industrial and commercial areas, which are badly affecting business operations. Furthermore, he discussed the challenges related to the industrial estate, infrastructure, and other critical issues being faced by the local business community.



GtCCI MEETING WITH MINISTER FINANCE

An important interactive session was held under the Presidency of Mr. Atif Iqram Sheikh, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), to discuss in detail the issues related to Sections 37A and 37B of the Finance Act and Section 21(s) of the Income Tax Ordinance, along with broader economic policies and the implementation of digital invoicing. The special guest of the session was Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Minister of State for Finance, while senior officers of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) including Member Customs Policy, Member IR Policy, and Member Operations also participated.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, along with Haji Nasir Mehmood Group Leader, and Executive Members, attended the session through an online video link. Representing the business community of Gujrat, the President of GtCCI presented his reservations and suggestions on the proposed provisions of the Finance Bill and the practical challenges arising from Section 21(s) of the Income Tax Ordinance. He demanded that the government abolish Sections 37A and 37B, amend Section 21(s), and set its minimum threshold at Rs. 1 million. He emphasized that there is serious concern in the business community regarding these laws,



All participants urged the government to take the concerns of the business community seriously and reconsider the controversial provisions of the Finance Bill.



PCSIR

PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

INAUGURATION

The inauguration ceremony of the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) Collection Center was held at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The event was attended by Dr. Naheed Kausar Member Science, PCSIR Head Office Islamabad, Dr. Muhammad Tehseen Aslam Director Marketing, and Engr. Abdul Wahab Director Daska.



Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber, welcomed the guests and introduced the Chamber's services, including the One Window Facilitation Center and Women Enclave. He said that establishing the PCSIR Collection Center at the Chamber is a major achievement for Gujrat's industrial sectors, especially fans, ceramics, pottery, PVC, precast, soaps and detergents, and rice. Previously, businesses had to send samples to other cities for testing, but now collection and reporting will be done directly in Gujrat. The center will also collect ISO and Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) samples from factories. He noted that PCSIR also provides industrial research, technical services, training, and technology transfer, and expressed gratitude to Dr. Naheed Kausar and Dr. Tehseen Aslam for approving the PCSIR Help Desk, as well as to Engr. Abdul Wahab for his efforts in completing the approval process.



Engr. Abdul Wahab said that Gujrat's industries previously faced difficulties due to the lack of local testing facilities, which this center will now resolve by providing sample collection and reports locally, along with complete process guidance.

Dr. Naheed Kausar stated that the center will handle all kinds of testing — quality tests for import/export, ceramics, textiles, leather, and certifications for sensitive items.



Dr. Tehseen Aslam said the center will save industries significant time and cost, with testing rates up to 40% lower than private labs. Over 4,000 types of tests are offered, including for textiles, minerals, water, food items, rice, wheat, PVC, fans, furniture, packaging, machinery, soil, and more. A full list of tests and rates is available on the PCSIR website.

At the end, a Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between PCSIR and the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry to formally launch this collaboration.





WOMEN CHAMBER INAUGURATION



GtCCI MEETING WITH RTO



Ms. Syeda Noreen Zahira, Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue Sialkot, along with Ms. Fauzia Adil, Commissioner Inland Revenue Gujrat, and other tax officials, held a meeting with the business community of Gujrat at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the invitation of Gujrat Chamber.



Mr. Fahad Rafiq, Vice President Gujrat Chamber, raised concerns about system bottlenecks caused by late sales tax returns and suggested stronger checks to prevent fake

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President Gujrat Chamber, said that the business community is the backbone of the country's economy. Pakistan is facing many challenges in its tax system. The targets of various taxes imposed by FBR, including income tax, sales tax, customs, federal excise, and withholding tax, should be realistic and determined by keeping in view the current economic situation. He added that Pakistan's tax-to-GDP ratio is only 8.7% one of the lowest in the region and called for broadening the tax net instead of overburdening existing taxpayers. He also suggested reducing the corporate tax rate to 29%, restoring 1% export withholding tax as final tax, making advance tax adjustable, issuing sales tax refunds promptly, and withdrawing unnecessary withholding notices. He emphasized that tax policies should support business growth, not hinder it.



Ms. Syeda Noreen Zahira assured full cooperation to the business community of Gujrat, adding that policy decisions are made by the government while FBR implements them. She said efforts are being made to speed up refunds, with over Rs. 4 billion issued last year, and requested help in identifying fake refund claimants. She encouraged businesses to submit their issues in writing so they can be presented to the board.





MEETING WITH RM SNGPL

A meeting was held at the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry with Mr. Rizwan Mushtaq, Regional Manager SNGPL Gujrat, Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber, welcomed Rizwan Mushtaq to the Chamber and requested the establishment of an SNGPL Help Desk at the Chamber's One Window Facilitation Center so that members' SNGPL-related issues can be recorded and resolved under one roof. He highlighted various problems faced by the business community, especially the pottery sector, which is an important and traditional industrial sector of Gujrat and relies heavily on gas as a raw material. He stated that the industry is facing serious issues regarding gas pressure and gas tariffs. He questioned whether separate pipelines have been given to the industry, then why are they still facing low pressure? Regarding the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC), he said that although the Supreme Court had ruled that it was abolished and all its installments with markup have already been paid, issues are still arising in this regard, and its policy should be clarified. He expressed hope that the problems of the business community would be resolved on a priority basis and thanked the SNGPL team for visiting the Chamber.



Mr. Rizwan Mushtaq, Regional Manager SNGPL Gujrat, said that they are determined to solve the problems of the business community, although some issues like GIDC and tariff matters are not in their domain, but he will still try his best to get them resolved. He informed that to improve gas pressure for the industry, they have completed the new Gas Pipeline Project at Chah Tarang at a cost of 250 million rupees from SNGPL's own funds. Any issue of gas pressure will be resolved. He said that he will write to the MD of SNGPL to get approval for the SNGPL Help Desk at the Chamber, and until then, their representative will visit the Chamber once a week. He stated that RLNG rates will come down in the coming days. There is also a meeting scheduled with the fan industry next week. They will conduct a cost analysis of commercial consumers, and if needed, they will lay separate gas lines. He assured that his doors are open for the Chamber members, and they will be given full protocol. He expressed happiness over visiting the Chamber and appreciated that the facilities being provided to the Chamber members are not available anywhere else.



TAJKISTAN DELEGATION VISITS GtCCI

A high-profile business delegation from Tajikistan representing various sectors including electrical, construction, textile, agriculture, hydro turbines, juice and beverages, IT, mines and minerals, sanitary, and other industries held a meeting with the business community of Gujrat at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber, welcomed the delegation and introduced the industries and trade of Gujrat. He said that their visit is an important step in strengthening trade relations between the two countries. He added that the Gujrat Chamber is striving to promote domestic trade and is looking forward to building strong international ties. Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry is already in close contact with various embassies and trade missions in Pakistan and has also recently taken a high-profile delegation to Tajikistan. He said that Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and the Embassy of Tajikistan have strong relations. Under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Sharifzoda Yusuf Toir, the Ambassador of Tajikistan, members of Gujrat delegation not only explored trade opportunities in Tajikistan but also started their own businesses there, which will significantly boost bilateral trade. He added that the purpose of today's meeting is to further strengthen trade and diplomatic relations between Tajikistan and Pakistan, which will open new doors of development in the future.



Mr. Samundar Khan, representing the Tajik delegation, said that they are eager to increase trade with Pakistan and that this visit is aimed at promoting business ties. He said that there are many business opportunities in Tajikistan, and by partnering with them, Pakistani businesses can also gain access to Russia.

Haji Fayyaz Alam, Secretary Shaheen Group, thanked the delegation and said that under the guidance of the Tajik Ambassador to Pakistan, they had earlier taken a successful delegation to Tajikistan to explore business opportunities. He expressed hope that trade between Gujrat and Tajikistan would continue to grow in the future. A large number of representatives from the local business community also attended the meeting.





MEETING WITH CEO GEPCO



Engineer Muhammad Ayub, Chief Executive of the Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO), along with Mr. Shafiqur Rehman, SE GEPCO, and other GEPCO officials visited the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GtCCI).



Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of GtCCI, warmly welcomed the guests and introduced them to the industrial profile of Gujrat city and the services of GtCCI. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to present the problems faced by Gujrat's industrial and trade sector related to GEPCO and find comprehensive solutions. He highlighted that similar issues had also been discussed earlier during meetings at the GEPCO office. He pointed out several challenges, including frequent transformer breakdowns and electricity shortages during the summer season. He emphasized that there is a severe shortage of GEPCO staff in Gujrat, especially linemen and line superintendents. He stressed that existing staff should be properly trained to provide timely services despite the shortage. He also mentioned that the service numbers printed on electricity bills are often not attended to, making it difficult to register complaints. He said that for the last three to four years, whenever a single transformer or line needs repair, the entire feeder is shut down, which disrupts many industries connected to that feeder. The business community needs to be properly educated on the import and export of green meter units, as there is a lot of confusion about the formula. He raised concerns about the penalty imposed on consumers in the form of detection, and sought clarity on charges for changing meters. He also requested the CEO to ensure the presence of representatives at the GEPCO Help Desk established in the GtCCI One Window Facilitation Center, as the two appointed representatives have been absent. He requested that at least one representative should be available three days a week.

Mr. Haji Nasir Mahmood, Group Leader of Shaheen Group, said that the biggest problem is the shortage of staff. He highlighted that staff recruited for Gujrat are often transferred to other cities, creating a persistent shortage locally. He said that transformer breakdowns in the Small Industrial Estate result in feeder-wide shutdowns almost daily. He proposed giving SDOs the authority to replace transformers directly instead of requiring approvals from SE and XEN, to save time. He also pointed out that many wires are hanging dangerously and should be replaced with four-core wires urgently.



Mr. Malik Mazhar Iqbal Awan, Chairman of the GEPCO Standing Committee, said that while collective issues have been discussed, the shortage of staff is the most serious and must be resolved. He suggested that GEPCO should establish its own transformer repair workshop, as those repaired externally often fail again. GEPCO should also upgrade its transmission lines, as old jumpers and D-sets cause voltage drops and line losses, affecting both consumers and GEPCO. He also discussed issues related to demand notices and new connections. He said that although power generation and revenue collection are at peak, the quality of service is very low. He stated that 95% of transformer breakdowns are caused by faulty jumpers and disconnectors, not overload, and urged GEPCO to install new jumper loaders and D-sets to reduce breakdowns. He also recommended installing safety systems with transformers to protect GEPCO staff and avoid shutting down entire grids for a single transformer fault.



Mr. Engineer Muhammad Ayub, CEO GEPCO, acknowledged the concerns and appreciated that Gujrat's industry has never defaulted on electricity bills and always pays on time. He said that as per the instructions of Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Leghari, Federal Minister for Energy, the department is ensuring uninterrupted power supply. He informed that new EMI meters up to 10 kW have already been installed and in the next phase EMI meters up to 5 kW will be installed, which will have automatic readings and prevent overbilling. He mentioned the launch of the Apna Meter app, which allows consumers to send their own meter readings to prevent overbilling.

He said there is no shortage of transformers, as 3-4 spare transformers are placed in each sub-division. He acknowledged the shortage of staff and said that approval for new hiring has been requested and will hopefully be granted soon. He advised registering complaints by calling 118, which are automatically forwarded to the relevant division and sub-division, and action is taken from headquarters if unresolved. He explained that shutting down the grid is necessary while replacing or repairing transformers as the entire grid is connected through one line, but efforts are being made to minimize downtime and a new system is being developed, which will take about a year to implement.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Fahad Rafiq, Vice President of GtCCI, thanked the GEPCO team for visiting and expressed hope that the highlighted problems would be resolved. He suggested that GEPCO officials should visit GtCCI every four months and also organize an awareness session on overload management to help the industrial sector.



NIMS DELEGATION VISITS GtCCI



A delegation of officers from Federal and Provincial departments, including the Police Service, Pakistan Administrative Service, Inland Revenue Service, Foreign Services and others from the 36th Senior Management Course (BS-19) of the National Institute of Management, visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry for an inland study tour under the leadership of Dr. Muhammad Farooq, Sponsor Directing Staff. The purpose of the visit was to introduce Gujrat Chamber of Commerce, its services, management, future plans, achievements, and the industries of Gujrat.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber, welcomed the delegation and said he is pleased to host them under the leadership of the sponsoring directing staff of the National Institute of Management. He gave them a detailed introduction to the Chamber, its services, and the industries of Gujrat. He emphasized that private sector representatives and bureaucrats are the most important stakeholders for the country's prosperity. He said that the local industry has given tough competition to the industries of China, India, and Bangladesh, but now it requires more support from government departments to accelerate industrialization and development. He highlighted challenges like the rising cost of doing business and the need to improve ease of doing business. He appreciated the establishment of business facilitation centers by the government in different districts of Punjab, but said there is still a lot of scope for improvement in Gujrat, especially in infrastructure development to promote industrialization. He hoped that political representatives, divisional and sub-district administrations, and other departments would work together for this cause. He urged the officers to involve the taxpayer community through the Chamber in the institutions they serve, to understand their problems and make better decisions. He emphasized that development can only be achieved through public-private partnerships and that business-friendly policies can be made only through continuous engagement between government officers and the Chamber. He requested them to understand the issues on grassroot level faced by the business community, and work to solve them. He especially requested the officers to make efforts for infrastructure development and industrialization in Gujrat through their respective departments.



Dr. Muhammad Farooq said that this is a senior officers' course, and these officers have a very important input in policy formulation. The purpose of the meetings with the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry is to understand the issues of the business community and provide input for their solutions. He added that the aim of these study tours is to enable the officers to meet with institutions and decision-makers and to understand the challenges they face.



On this occasion, the officers asked various questions from the business community of Gujrat and sought their input. At the end of the meeting, Fahad Rafiq, Vice President, thanked all the guests and said that all the officers present hold senior positions and their advice is important in policy making. Therefore, we are hopeful that you will formulate policies that promote the country's industry and trade and strengthen the national economy.



MEETING WITH MD PSIC



Ms. Saira Umar, Managing Director of the Punjab Small Industries Corporation, held a meeting at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the local business community.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber, welcomed the guest and highlighted the long-standing need for a new industrial estate in Gujrat. Over the years, several projects were initiated to establish a new industrial estate, but none of them succeeded.

He shared that in the 2021-22 Annual Development Plan, around Rs. 1.32 billion were approved from provincial funds for a new industrial estate in Gujrat, and initial progress was made. Land was allocated near Saroki, but the site was later found to be agricultural, causing the project to be abandoned. Different sites have been proposed since then, but no practical progress has been made, even though nearby Gujranwala already has three industrial estates and is planning another. He noted that the federal government has targeted an overall growth rate of 4.2%, and 8% for SMEs, yet achieving this is impossible without creating space and facilities for new industries. Even the existing Small Industrial Estate Gujrat faces serious problems. The Chamber has sent nominations for its Board of Management, but they have not been approved yet. He recommended that the Chamber should be fully involved in planning and establishing the new estate, and the proposed site recommended by the Chamber should be considered. He added that plot prices must be kept reasonable so industries can be set up easily, and the Board of Management of Small Industrial Estate 1 should also be approved.



Ms. Saira Umar appreciated the role of Gujrat's business community and acknowledged the lack of proper facilities in the existing Small Industrial Estate. She said that satellite images and soil tests had been reviewed for various proposed sites, but high water levels in the soil had been an obstacle. She invited the Chamber to recommend a suitable location that is not agricultural land and has proper transport access, assuring that work will be done on it. She added that efforts will also be made to resolve the existing problems, and the formation of the Board of Management will be taken up in the next board meeting with the approval of the Punjab Industries Department. She also announced that a regional office of the Punjab Small Industries Corporation will be established in Gujrat to address local issues, expressing hope that this will be approved soon.



Haji Nasir Mahmood, Group Leader, said the location recommended by the Chamber is ideal, as it is close to the city, has no water issues, and is accessible from both Jalalpur Jattan Road and Jamalpur Syedan. He stressed that land prices should be kept at government rates and that the Board of Management must also be made responsible for ensuring cleanliness and security within the estate.

Mr. Fahad Rafiq, Vice President of the Chamber, expressed hope that the issues will be resolved soon and mutual cooperation will continue.





MEETING WITH FPCCI



Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attended an important meeting of various chambers of commerce held at Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry. During the session, Mr. Peshawari expressed deep concerns over the proposed legal provisions, He emphasized that Sections 37A and 37B relating to capital gains and tax treatment on the sale and purchase of shares, as well as Section 21(s) which disallows certain business expenses without digital documentation, are impractical and burdensome for genuine businesses, especially SMEs.



He urged the government to abolish Sections 37A and 37B, and amend Section 21(s) by setting its threshold at a minimum of Rs. 3 million to ensure ease of doing business. He stressed that the government must take the business community into confidence while formulating such laws, as these are directly linked to the survival and growth of industries. He expressed hope that the Government of Pakistan will seriously listen to the genuine concerns of the business community and take immediate practical steps to create a business-friendly environment in the country.



SIGNING MOU's



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Zavar Dental Clinic, Gujrat to provide quality dental care services at discounted rates for the business community. The MoU was signed by Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President GtCCI, Dr. Muhammad Zavar, Director Zavar Dental Clinic, Mr. Muhammad Usman Muzaffar, Secretary General GtCCI, and Dr. Muhammad Saleem.

Under this agreement, office bearers, executive members, former executive members, management staff of GtCCI, and their families will receive a 25% discount, while associate and corporate class members and their families will receive a 15% discount on a wide range of dental services. These services include root canal treatment, fillings, scaling and polishing, smile makeovers, tooth implantation, treatment for immature teeth, professional cleaning, braces, digital X-rays, and various other dental procedures. This collaboration reflects GtCCI's commitment to the health and well-being of its members and their families.



Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SKMCH&RC) and its laboratories. Under this MoU, members of the Gujrat Chamber and their families will be entitled to a 15% discount on medical services and a 10% discount on pathology services at Shaukat Khanum Hospital and its laboratories.



GtCCI TRAINING SESSION ISLAMIC BANKING SESSION

A seminar on Islamic Banking was organized at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the Meezan Bank.

Malik Zubair Ahmed, Member of the Sharia Board at Meezan Bank, delivered a detailed presentation on Islamic Banking to the attendees. He said that the system of Islamic banking is fully in accordance with Sharia, and all their banking processes comply with Islamic teachings as well as the Constitution of Pakistan. He explained the harms of interest-based banking, the methods of Islamic banking, the Sharia status of Islamic deposits, profit and loss mechanisms, and various Islamic banking products. He stated that interest-based banking will be completely eliminated from Pakistan by January 2028, and only Islamic banking will be practiced thereafter. He also answered questions from the audience.

At the end of the session, President GtCCI Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari thanked all the participants and said that in today's session, Meezan Bank has provided detailed insights on Islamic banking. He said that our religion, Islam, is a complete code of life, offering guidance on every aspect of life, including beliefs, social matters, ethics, and financial affairs. Its teachings provide guidance even in important areas like economy and finance. He emphasized that Islamic banking is an Islamic alternative to conventional banking and provides financial services while fulfilling Islamic principles. The aim of this session was to create awareness about Islamic banking at the public level, highlighting its need, importance, and the difference between Islamic and conventional banking.



CAPACITY BUILDING



A training session on capacity building was organized at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA). Trainer from SMEDA Chaudhry Naseer Ahmed trained the members on capacity building and the role of the executive committee. He explained how to grow a business through better management and also discussed the responsibilities, objectives, and functions of the chamber and the executive committee. He highlighted that four factors are essential for building a system: customers, finance, processes, and people. He emphasized that as executives, members should understand their responsibilities and come well-prepared for meetings. By dedicating time to their roles, many tasks can become easier. He also advised that plans should be discussed thoroughly and their expected results should always be kept in mind. At the end of the session, he was presented with a special shield by the Gujrat Chamber.

CAPACITY BUILDING



SBP SESSION

An SME Awareness Seminar was held at the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the State Bank of Pakistan, SBP and the Bank of Punjab, BOP. Mr. Rashid Mahmood Cheema, Assistant Director FID, SBP, and Mr. Ahmed Nawaz, Regional Business Head, BOP, briefed the members about various financing schemes of SBP. They highlighted the SME Refinancing Scheme, under which loans will be provided at a return of only 6 percent, and the Prime Minister Youth Loan Scheme, under which loans up to Rs. 7.5 million will be provided. They also informed the participants about the Easy Business Scheme and how it can support small and medium enterprises. Mr. Rashid Mahmood Cheema also responded to the questions of the attendees during the session.





GtCCI WELCOME TO MR. QASIM ALI SHAH

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A special motivational session on the topic of work-life balance was organized at the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the country's leading motivational speaker Mr. Qasim Ali Shah.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of Gujrat Chamber, welcomed him and said that it is an honor and a joy to welcome Mr. Qasim Ali Shah on behalf of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said that Mr. Shah has achieved a unique position not only in Pakistan but also internationally through his deep insight, guidance, and thought leadership. His journey from a teacher to a leader, and then becoming an institution himself, is an inspiring story for the youth.



He added that the services of the Qasim Ali Shah Foundation are known to everyone, whether in the field of education, training, or social reform. He has opened the doors of guidance, opportunities, and hope for different sections of society. Today, his writings, lectures, and sessions are inspiring people not only in Pakistan but across the world.



While addressing the session, Mr. Qasim Ali Shah said that he belongs to Gujrat and feels proud of it. He mentioned that he often shares this proudly in his programs and lectures. He said that he has travelled to 29 countries around the world but has not seen the qualities he finds in the people of Gujrat. According to him, the people of Gujrat are hardworking, skilled, brave, and passionate. He said that Nishan-e-Haider is also part of Gujrat's pride and heritage, and Allah has blessed this city with exceptional talent.



Speaking on the topic, he said that until December last year, more than 23,000 books had been written on just one word "happiness". To achieve happiness, there must be balance between business life and home life. He shared that when research was conducted on some of the world's most successful CEOs from Harvard Business School, it was found that many of them are not truly happy, their married lives are troubled, and their children are often distant or disobedient. He added that despite all the advanced technology that can even read personalities through fingerprints, people are still not happy. A book was written on this research titled How to Know Your Success, which has been translated into many languages around the world.



He further said that 80 percent of family businesses in the world fail after the third generation, but those that innovate and adapt with time remain successful. He said that in Pakistan, many businesses fail because people do not acquire new knowledge, do not prepare for the future, and do not seek advice. The culture of reading and learning is missing in our society, and there is little desire to continuously improve. Sharing his thoughts on success, he said that a person is truly successful if his work is his passion, if his home is peaceful, and if his solitude is pure. He said that if progress comes at the cost of these three things, then it is not real success. He concluded by saying that the biggest secret of happiness lies in sharing and giving. The more happiness you share with others, the more it grows.



MEETING WITH DC GUJRAT MS. NOOR-UL-AIN-QURESHI



A meeting was held at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry under the presidency of Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of GtCCI, with Ms. Noor-ul-Ain Qureshi, Deputy Commissioner Gujrat. The meeting was attended by Mr. Haji Nasir Mehmood, Group Leader; Mr. Fahd Rafiq, Vice President; former Executive Members; and other prominent members of the business community.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of GtCCI, welcomed the Deputy Commissioner and introduced the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, outlining its role and services. He stated that GtCCI has consistently raised its voice for the business community and approached every possible platform to resolve their issues. As the representative body of the business sector in Gujrat, GtCCI has maintained constant engagement with the provincial and federal governments as well as other relevant institutions, effectively advocating for the interests and concerns of local traders and industrialists at every level. Referring to the recent federal budget for 2025-26, he highlighted that the business community had serious reservations regarding several proposed laws, including provisions introduced through the Finance Act and certain amendments to the Income Tax Ordinance. In this regard, GtCCI actively participated in multiple consultative sessions organized by the FPCCI and also attended meetings with the Federal Minister for Finance, Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, and the Prime Minister's Advisor on Finance, Mr. Haroon Akhtar, to strongly represent the concerns of the Gujrat business community. He expressed satisfaction that several proposed provisions were revised due to the collective efforts and strong representation of the business community.



The President further noted that several infrastructure development projects are currently underway in Gujrat, but their progress is extremely slow and suffers from a lack of proper planning. This has caused long-standing disruptions and losses to local businesses, particularly in the affected areas. He emphasized that such work should have been completed before the onset of the monsoon season, as the condition of roads worsens significantly after rainfall. He urged that GtCCI should be formally informed about the timelines, phases, and plans of all ongoing infrastructure and development projects in the city. He also stressed the importance of having GtCCI representation on all key district-level committees to ensure regular coordination and communication between the district administration and the business community. He, further highlighted that all traders and industrialists of Gujrat operate under the umbrella of GtCCI, and only GtCCI can collectively convey their issues to the district administration. He emphasized that the business community should be taken into confidence regarding any regulations or measures implemented at the municipal corporation level. He asserted that the representative body of the business community should be consulted beforehand, and only in cases of non-compliance after repeated warnings should punitive action be taken. He also expressed concern over the deteriorating sanitation conditions in various neighborhoods, stating that the



contract for city cleaning was awarded to Arar Group, which initially carried out its work with great enthusiasm and efficiency but has now slowed down considerably. He urged the Deputy Commissioner to ensure that proper cleaning and sanitation work resumes across the city. President concluded his remarks by expressing strong hope that under the leadership of the new Deputy Commissioner, all pressing issues will be addressed on a priority basis and that the development projects in Gujrat will be completed within their stipulated timelines. He also hoped for visible improvement in law and order, governance, education, and overall civic development in the district. Ms. Qureshi further stated that she had instructed the administration not to impose fines or seal shops without prior warnings. Instead, notices will first be issued, and only in cases of repeated non-compliance will strict action be taken. Acknowledging the previous support of GtCCI in various community development initiatives, she sought the Chamber's cooperation again for upcoming welfare projects, including the development of Darul Aman and the operation of approximately 305 non-formal schools in the district.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Fahd Rafiq, Vice President of GtCCI, thanked Ms. Noor-ul-Ain Qureshi, Deputy Commissioner Gujrat, and all the participants for their valuable time and contributions.



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MEETING WITH VC UOG PROF. DR. ZAHOOR-UL-HAQ Tamgha-e-Imtiaz



Professor Dr. Zahoor-ul-Haq (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), Vice Chancellor of the University of Gujrat, visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry for a meeting with the business community of Gujrat.

Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of GtCCI, welcomed the guests and said that industry and academia play a vital role in the economic development of any region. Businesses meet the needs of people through their products and services, while academia produces skilled graduates, postgraduates, and researchers who contribute their expertise to industry and trade. He said that we are fortunate to have a public sector university providing higher education in engineering, medical sciences, arts, business, and other important fields. The Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, as a representative body of the business community, is consistently working for the growth and development of trade and industry. He emphasized that GtCCI has maintained close contact with the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) at the University of Gujrat, but these linkages had slowed in recent times. Now, both institutions have once again come on the same page to revive industry-academia collaboration.



He said that GtCCI and the University of Gujrat have jointly highlighted issues faced by local industries and are committed to finding practical solutions. In this spirit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the two institutions. The purpose of this MoU is not just paperwork but to actively work on upgrading, innovating, and solving the problems of Gujrat's industries. Through this partnership, they aim to introduce new technologies, modern machinery, and processes according to contemporary requirements, helping the local industry move toward modernization and sustainable growth. Chamber expects strong support from the University in areas of research and industry development so that the region's industries can progress in a meaningful way.



Speaking on the occasion, Professor Dr. Zahoor-ul-Haq said that it was an honour to meet the business community at the Gujrat Chamber. He acknowledged their vital role in running the economy of the city and providing employment. He noted that there is a lack of strategic planning at the university, and addressing this is now a priority. He said that their new strategic plan would be based on seven key pillars, one of which is the business community. All planning will be shared with GtCCI so they can review and give feedback.

He mentioned that the university has 18,000 students, including 14,000 women, yet there has been little involvement from the business community. He invited the Chamber to play an active role and announced several key steps. Two representatives from the GtCCI Executive Body will be included in the main academic bodies of the University. Chamber representatives will also be part of the Boards of Faculties of six departments. GtCCI members will be invited as observers to the University Syndicate the highest decision-making body to provide input for improving the university.



Dr. Zahoor-ul-Haq also proposed that the business community support scholarships for orphans, assuring that the university would contribute double the amount pledged by the business community. He emphasized that all decisions would be made purely on merit and visible positive change would soon be seen.

For industry-focused research, he announced plans to bring Pakistan's top twenty researchers to work on local industries, especially the pottery sector. He also highlighted that several administrative reforms have already been initiated and more improvements are underway. He stressed that the University of Gujrat can only rise among the top universities of Pakistan if the business community joins hands with them. For this purpose, a new steering committee will be formed at the university with significant representation from the industry, and its first meeting will be held soon at the Gujrat Chamber.





MEETING WITH FTO DR. ASIF MAHMOOD JAH (SI,HI) Federal Tax Ombudsman



Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah (SI, HI) Federal Tax Ombudsman, along with, Legal Advisors, and Advisor-in-Charge, visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry and held a meeting with the business community of Gujrat.

Welcoming the guests, the President Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari said that he had recently assumed charge of the Gujrat Chamber and this was his first formal meeting with the Federal Tax Ombudsman. He appreciated that this was the second visit of the Federal Tax Ombudsman to the Chamber and that he was already well acquainted with the institution and the industrial landscape of Gujrat. He also acknowledged that the help desk of the (FTO) is actively operating within the One Window Facilitation Center of the Gujrat Chamber and thanked him for this continued support. Today's session is organized to raise awareness among taxpayers about the role of the FTO—an institution mandated to ensure prompt, fair, and independent investigation of complaints regarding tax maladministration and to redress any injustice done to taxpayers by officials of the FBR. He added that the FTO is the only platform where taxpayers can raise their voice against maladministration by the tax department and get justice.



He emphasized that if any sector of the business community believes that tax officials are misusing the system or harassing businessmen, they have a platform to report such grievances. "We should trust the Tax Ombudsman and seek their help, and I am confident that this institution will provide protection to businessmen," he said. He also highlighted that paying taxes is the responsibility of every citizen, as taxes are the backbone of the national economy. A stable economy and national development are only possible if taxes are paid timely and in full. He urged the business community of Gujrat to ensure tax compliance, especially in the current circumstances where the country's economic challenges make this obligation even more critical.



Mr. Almas Jawinda advisor, said that the FTO has launched a new outreach program for the Golden Triangle region. He gave a detailed presentation about the role and functions of the Federal Tax Ombudsman. He said, "We even respond to a phone call or a simple written request on plain paper from a petitioner, and we are bound to take action." He mentioned that the FTO had successfully processed and released tax refunds worth around 18 billion rupees, which had been pending for years.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah said that the institution of the Federal Tax Ombudsman was established as a platform to resolve tax-related issues and to promote a taxpayer-friendly culture. "While the job of the FBR is to issue notices and pursue cases, our role is to support and facilitate taxpayers," he said. He added that the FTO has significantly expedited its processes — where previously decisions took a long time, they are now finalized within an average of 37 days. In the last ten months alone, 10,000 complaints were registered and have been acted upon. "The FTO assess, investigate, and rectify injustices faced by any person due to maladministration by tax officials."



MEETING WITH MR. HASSAN BUTT Director Employees Social Security Institution



A meeting was held at the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry with Mr. Hassan Butt, Director Punjab Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI) Local Office Gujrat.

Mr. Fahad Rafique, Vice President, welcomed the Director and highlighted the importance of PESSI in ensuring employee welfare. He raised concerns over recent audit notices issued to factory owners despite challenging business conditions and urged leniency, suggesting that focus be placed on registering new businesses rather than penalizing already registered ones. He also emphasized expanding the tax base to reduce the burden on existing businesses.

Mr. Hassan Butt shared that Gujrat currently ranks nineteenth in social security performance, and he aims to bring it to third, as he previously achieved in Sheikhupura. He noted that 5,324 businesses are registered with PESSI, including pottery, fan, and furniture sectors, and announced that under new laws, even businesses with two employees will be registered. He also mentioned that the 2% tax previously submitted to Federal Board of Revenue or Punjab Revenue Authority will now go to Social Security. He highlighted ongoing improvements including a 100-bed Social Security Hospital, welfare schools, dispensaries, and a new ration card scheme offering Rs. 3,000 subsidy to workers. He assured that Gujrat's contributions are improving and pledged to resolve all issues, adding that double shifts in Social Security hospitals will soon start in Gujrat.



Mr. Sufyan Zaheer Butt, Chairman PESSI Committee, thanked the Director and expressed hope that business community concerns would be addressed. A commemorative shield was presented to Mr. Hassan Butt by the Chamber.





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Mr. Muhammad Idrees, Deputy Director at the Labor and Human Resource Department Gujrat Punjab, held a meeting with Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at the Chamber's office.

Mr. Idrees said that he has recently assumed charge as Deputy Director of the Labor Department in Gujrat. The purpose of his visit, he explained, was to convey an important message to the industrial and manufacturing sectors of Gujrat through the platform of the Chamber. He shared that in recent months, several labor-related accidents have occurred in Gujranwala, Sheikhupura, and Lahore. These incidents have drawn serious attention from Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister of Punjab, and Faisal Ayub Khokhar, Minister for Labor and Human Resources.

He informed that the Chief Minister and the Minister have directed the Labor Department to carry out safety inspections at industrial and manufacturing units across all districts of Punjab. In line with these directives, the Labor Department wants to ensure that industries in Gujrat are fully aware of workplace safety requirements and prepared for inspections.

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GtCCI RENEWAL HELP DESK CAMPAIGN

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry has always prioritized providing services to its members at their doorstep. In line with this objective, GtCCI organized the Renewal Help Desk campaign to facilitate the annual renewal of memberships. These help desks were set up at various locations across the main city of Gujrat, Lala Musa, Kharian, Gulyana, Sarai Alamgir, Dinga, Kunjah, Kotla, and Jalalpur Jattan. The campaign saw a significant number of members renewing their memberships at these help desks.

The primary aim of this initiative was to foster direct interactions with members of the organization. Additionally, it served as an invitation to businessmen from various sectors of industry, trade, and services to connect with the Gujrat Chamber, highlighting its role as a community platform.





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GtCCI HELD PROGRAM MERI PEHCHAN PAKISTAN

On the occasion of Pakistan's 78th Independence Day, a special program was organized under the theme "Meri Pehchan Pakistan – Marka Haq" in collaboration with the Gujrat Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The celebration, held with great enthusiasm, aimed to honor the sacrifices of our forefathers and to inspire the younger generation with the true spirit of independence.

Students from Jinnah Public School, Leeds School, The Right School, Royal Grammar School, British Academia, Miss Farida Sheikh School, Dar-e-Arqam School, Knowledge School, Fatima Jinnah College, and Government Associate College presented inspiring performances. They participated in competitions of Qur'an recitation, speeches in English and Urdu, Naat recitation, and national songs, showcasing their love and passion for the homeland.



Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, highlighted the importance of this historic day. He said that Independence Day is not only a celebration of joy but also a reminder of the countless sacrifices made for the establishment of Pakistan. "This day provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to the protection and development of our beloved homeland by learning lessons from our past," he further added that the title of today's ceremony "Meri Pehchan Pakistan – Marka Haq" reflects our ideology, faith, and national responsibility. "Marka Haq means not only adherence to truth but also prioritizing the national interest above all."

Mr. Munir Peshawari also paid tribute to the brave forces of Pakistan, especially the Pakistan Air Force, for their unmatched courage in defending the nation. He said, "We salute our soldiers who safeguard the country's borders with valor, and we pay homage to the wise leadership of Field Marshal General Asim Munir and Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu, under whose command the entire nation feels secure."

As part of the ceremony, outstanding students of the Gujranwala Board examinations were recognized and rewarded. The student who secured the second position in the Gujranwala Board and stood first in the entire Gujrat city was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a special certificate, and a medal. Similarly, students who achieved first positions in the boys' and girls' categories at the board level were awarded Rs. 20,000, certificates, and medals. Students securing second positions were awarded Rs. 15,000 and certificates, while those securing third positions received Rs. 10,000 and certificates, along with medals.

The event concluded with patriotic zeal, leaving the audience inspired with a renewed sense of unity, commitment, and responsibility towards building a stronger Pakistan.



GtCCI CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY 14th AUGUST 2025- Flag Raising

A special cake cutting ceremony was held at Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GtCCI) to celebrate Pakistan's 78th Independence Day. The event was attended by President GtCCI Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, Haji Nasir Mahmood (Group Leader Shaheen Group), Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi (Group Leader), Mr. Ahmed Hassan, Mr. Abid Hussain, Raja Anis, Mr. Waleed Arif, Mr. Abbas Butt, Mr. Aqif Saeed, Mirza Awais, Mr. Ikram Butt, Mr. Usman Dar, Mr. Qaiser Latif, Mr. Rana Bilal, Mr. Arshad Javed, Mr. Abdul Rehman, Mr. Adil Ashraf, Executive Members, and a large number of the business community.

The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag by the President and members, accompanied by prayers for Pakistan's development, security, and prosperity. President Munir Peshawari, along with guests, also cut a special cake to mark the occasion.





GtCCI

ONE WINDOW FACILITATION CENTER



GtCCI NADRA REGISTRATION CENTER

Computerized National ID CARD | Form(B) | Marital status change
ID Card Cancellation (Due to Death) | Family Registration Certificate
Other NADRA Services



NADRA E-SAHULAT COUNTER

Utility Bills Payment | CNIC Biometric Verification | Biometric Verification for Excise and Taxation
Punjab Arms License Fee Collection | Issuance of Fard (PLRA) | Verification of GST (FBR)
Scratch Card and Airtime | Donation Collection | Fee Collection | Microfinance Loan Collection



GtCCI POLICE KHIDMAT MARKAZ

Character Certificate | General Police Verification | Learner Driving License | International License
Employee Verification | Tenants Registration | Vehicle Verification | Loss Report | Crime Report
Copy of FIR | Registration of Domestic Workers



OVERSEAS COUNTER

Property and Housing Matters Guidelines | Financial / Business Matter Guidelines
Police Matter Guidelines | Legal Awareness



DRIVING LICENCE TEST CENTER

The Driving License Test center is operational in GtCCI for Members and their families
MTV licenses are issued after tests are conducted



EXCISE TAXATION AND NARCOTICS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Property Tax | Token Tax | Vehicle Registration Details
Details of Transfer of Vehicles | All Professional Taxes Details



GEPCO HELPDESK

Complaint Registration | Load shedding schedule | New connection (Requirement & Procedure)
Awareness Regarding New GEPCO Policies | Awareness about Billing Matters



FBR HELPDESK

Info related to FBR services | Tax Matters Guidelines (Income Tax, Sales Tax and other Taxes)
Complaint Registration | Awareness Related to FBR Policies
FBR Registration



FTO HELPDESK

Complaint Registration | Redressal of taxpayer complaints
Action on Tax Refund Delays | Awareness regarding FTO and new Policies



PUNJAB JOB CENTER

Employee & Employer Registration | Social Protection | Skill Enhancement |
Education and Training | Free of Cost Services | Data Repository | Facilitation of Job Placement
Automated CV Builder | Integrated Job Market | Transparent Recruitment Process

PCSIR COLLECTION CENTER
(PCSIR Laboratory Testing Services)

1-MINERALS & CHEMICAL TESTING

Zirconium ($ZrO_2 + HfO_2$) | Titanium Dioxide (TiO_2) | Iron Oxide (Fe_2O_3) | Alumina (Al_2O_3)
Silica (SiO_2) | Uranium & Thorium (Radioactivity Analysis)

2-METALS & ALLOYS TESTING

Steel & Iron Analysis | Copper, Brass & Bronze Testing | Aluminum & Zinc Testing

3-FOOD & WATER TESTING

Drinking Water Quality | Edible Oils & Ghee Testing | Honey Purity | Milk & Dairy Products

4-TEXTILE & LEATHER TESTING

Fabric Quality | Dye & Chemical Testing | Leather Durability

5-ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING

Air Quality Monitoring | Soil Analysis | Wastewater Testing

6-ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES TESTING

Electric Fans (Performance, Safety & Quality Standards)
Home Appliances Testing (Iron, Heater, Mixer, etc.)
Energy Efficiency Evaluation

7-CERAMICS & BUILDING MATERIALS TESTING

Tiles & Sanitary Ware Quality | Cement, Concrete & Bricks Strength
Glass & Porcelain Testing



TRADE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PAKISTAN (TDAP)

ASSISTANCE AND FACILITATION REGARDING EXPORT FOR REGULAR & NEW EXPORTERS
Export related Information | Information of National & International Exhibitions and Trade Fairs
Trade Delegations | Orientation of New Markets | Webinar held under the umbrella of (TDAP)
Guidelines for New Exporters regarding Procedures & Documentation

INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OVERSEASE FACILITATION COUNTER

The Overseas Facilitation Counter was inaugurated at the One Window Facilitation Center of Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GtCCI).

A special inauguration ceremony was held at the Chamber, where the counter was jointly inaugurated by Mr. Mustansir Atta Bajwa, District Police Officer (DPO) Gujrat; Mr. Haji Nasir Mahmood, Group Leader; Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed Razi, Group Leader; and Mr. Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President GtCCI, along with Executive Members, Chairmen of Standing Committees, and other distinguished members of the business community.



The newly established counter will provide all services of the Police Khidmat Markaz, with a special focus on the facilitation of overseas Pakistanis. Property Matters, Guidance, and other services. Situated at the GtCCI One Window Facilitation Center, the counter is designed to deliver these services in a professional and executive environment, ensuring both convenience and efficiency for the overseas community.

MEETING WITH KHAWAJA KAMRAN QAYYUM Col. (Retd.) Chief Operating Officer of Lahore Sialkot Motorway

Khawaja Kamran Qayyum, Col. (Retd.) and Chief Operating Officer of Lahore Sialkot Motorway Infrastructure Management, visited Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry and held a meeting with Muhammad Munir Peshawari, President of the Gujrat Chamber. Mr. Fahad Rafique, Vice President, and Executive Members Mr. Ahmed Hassan Mattoo, Mr. Adil Ashraf, Mr. Muhammad Imran, Mr. Zeeshan Ashraf, and Mr. Ali Shan Jamshed were present on the occasion, along with Muhammad Usman Muzaffar, Secretary General, and Shahroz Arshad, In charge of Research and Development.



Khawaja Kamran Qayyum shared that the Lahore-Sialkot Motorway (M-11), a project of Frontier Works Organization, is being managed by Lahore Sialkot Motorway Infrastructure Management. He informed that the motorway is 90 percent complete, with only the Sambrial Link is pending. He said that the purpose of his visit was to highlight the investment opportunities available along the motorway. Around 32 acres of land are available between the service areas on the Lahore-Sialkot Motorway, where projects like shopping malls and commercial plazas can be developed. In addition, there are extensive opportunities for business advertisements. He noted that this is the first fully digital motorway in Pakistan, with international-standard service areas. He also proposed the establishment of an Expo Center in collaboration with the Golden Triangle Chambers, where local products from all three regions can be showcased.



President Muhammad Munir Peshawari welcomed him and briefed him on the key projects of the Gujrat Chamber. He said that the proposal would be discussed with the Executive Body. He expressed interest in both the Kharian and Sambrial Links, and emphasized the importance of the proposed Wazirabad Link Road on the Lahore-Sialkot Motorway, which is also called the Expressway Link. He said that although Wazirabad had been approved to connect Gujrat to the motorway, the work was stopped, and this link would be extremely beneficial for Gujrat. He further mentioned that Gujrat Chamber had earlier proposed an Expo Center near Saudra, but it could not be approved as an Expo Center needs to be located at a point where the three Chambers can easily access it.





GtCCI RANDOM PICTORIAL



Meeting with the Air Vice Marshal Mr. Amir Rasheed from NASTP



Meeting with DPO Gujrat Mr. Mustansar Atta Bajwa



ADC(R) visit to GtCCI

President GtCCI Meeting in the regional office FPCCI



Promotional session from ACE Properties



Meeting with Assistant Director Passport



Mr. Aun Ali Syed VP FPCCI



Certificate Distribution Women's Enclave Driving Training Center



Session from Danube Properties UAE



Meeting with Director General TDAP



Promotional session from ACE Properties



Training Session on Digital Business



President meeting with Ambassador of Egypt



Dinner Pak Europe Business Forum



Meeting with DSP Traffic



Ex MNA visited GtCCI



Meeting with SE GEPCO , Gujrat



Meeting with the Incharge NADRA Gujarat



Dinner at Iran embassy



GtCCI delegation met with Ambassador of Portugal



Mr. Ehtasham ul Haq Incharge FALO Gujarat

ORIENTATION SESSION FOR NEW MEMBERS



Peer Syed Atiq Ur Rehman Members Islami Nazryati Council



Helmet distribution campaign from GtCCI



Turkish business delegation from Silkot



Meeting with Mr. Yasin Joiya, Council General of Sri Lanka



26th Anniversary of the Moroccan President's enthronement



Meeting with the Ambassador of Uzbekistan



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