

SURAT OBSTETRIC & GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY



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Prologue



Dr Jagruti Desai



Dr Kajal Mangukiya

Dear SOGS members,

We are happy to present a new version of the constitution of Surat Obstetric & Gynecological Society(SOGS)- the need of an hour- as the time passed by.

The constitution of SOGS shall be followed in spirit and action for the benefit of the members and humanity at large.

“Gratitude makes Sense of our Past; Brings Peace for Today and creates a Vision for Tomorrow.”

We are sincerely thankful to members of Constitution Committee – Dr Manisha Jhawar (Coordinator), Dr Prakash Bhatt, Dr C H Trivedi, Dr Nimish Shelat, Dr Sandhya Chhasatia, Dr Anita Shah and Dr Narendra Vaghela for meticulously crafting out the mammoth task of constitution.

“In a balanced organization, working towards a common objective, there is success.”- Arthur Helps

“Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.”- Henry Ward Beecher

With deep sense of gratitude, we appreciate consistent support and co operation of all advisors, Ex Officio members, office bearers, the members of Executive Committee, co opted members and all members of SOGS.

Thanking You,

President,
SOGS 2021-22

Secretary,
SOGS 2021-22

Preamble

Dear SOGS members,

To improve is to change! Technology has not just changed but metamorphosed the world. To keep up with time and to stay updated Surat Obstetric & Gynecological society realized the need to have some positive changes in the constitution long back but unfortunately the task could not be eventuated. The Executive Committee headed by Dr. Jagruti Desai needs special accolades for not just deciding to take up the task of redrafting the 25 years old constitution of April 1996 for better but also accomplishing it successfully.

A constitution committee was made as per the directives of the virtual Executive Committee Meet of SOGS on 21/04/2021. The committee comprised of Dr. Prakash Bhatt, Dr. C. H. Trivedi, Dr. Nimish Shelat, Dr. Sandhya Chhasatia, Dr. Anita Shah, Dr. Narendra Vaghela & Dr. Manisha Jhawar. Dr. Jagruti Desai (President, SOGS) & Dr. Kajal Mangukiya (Secretary, SOGS) were ex-officio members of the committee. The committee did several online & offline brain storming sessions on clauses promoting & promising support and harmony amongst the members. The final draft was proffered to the Executive Committee of Surat Ob & Gyn Society on 11th August 2021 for validation. Due to lengthy discussion, the task could not be completed so the committee met once again on 3rd September 2021 to cut out the final draft.

It's a matter of great pleasure that the draft approved by the Executive Committee- SOGS & endorsed by the General Body- SOGS on 10th October 2021 is now available for perusal of SOGS members.

The constitution committee fervently thanks the Almighty for enabling us to complete the task with unanimity & tranquility. May the changes in the constitution continue to give direction and answers for smooth functioning of the society.

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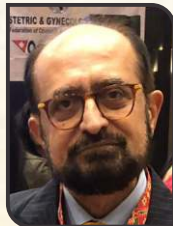
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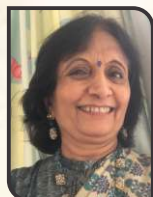


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CONSTITUTION OF THE SURAT OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY (April 1996)

Updated to be effective from 10th October 2021

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1. Name: -

The name of the society shall be "The Surat Obstetric & Gynecological Society." It will be a member body of the Federation of Obstetric & Gynecological Societies of India i. e. FOGSI and State Organization of Gynecologists & Obstetricians of Gujarat i.e. SOGOG.

2. Objectives: -

The objectives of the society shall be as under: -

- a) To promote fellowship amongst the members.
- b) To support and protect the character, status & interest and to promote the welfare of the medical profession in general and of member practitioners of Obstetrics & Gynecology in particular.
- c) To hold periodical meetings and conferences of obstetricians and gynecologists and other specialties of modern medicine.
- d) To promote and encourage the study of medicine for the advancement of medical knowledge, particularly of family welfare and biology of reproduction and to create a public opinion in the matter relating to maternal and child health and family welfare.
- e) To promote relevant medical and surgical subjects and particularly subjects relating to Obstetrics & Gynecology by lectures, discussions, publications and correspondence with Government officials, public bodies and individuals.
- f) To join other medical associations to safeguard the interest of the medical profession.
- g) To purchase, take lease of or otherwise acquire, hold, manage, let, sell, change, mortgage or dispose movable or immovable properties of every description and all rights and privileges arising thereof, if necessary or convenient for the purpose of the society and in particular buy land, building, furniture, books, newspapers, periodicals, instruments, fittings and accommodation as and when deemed necessary or desirable in the interest of the society and sell, let or hire out, mortgage, transfer or otherwise dispose of the same.
- h) To borrow or raise money in such manner as the society may think fit and to collect subscriptions and donations. To invest any money of the society, not immediately required for any of the objects in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the executive committee in accordance with the relevant rules of the Govt. & constitution of the SOGS Education & Charitable Trust.
- i) To assist, subscribe, co-operate or affiliate or be affiliated to or amalgamated with any other body whether incorporate, registered or not and having objectives altogether or at least similar to those of the society, while maintaining independent existence of the society, without any financial liability to the society. If any expenditure is deemed to occur, prior approval by the Executive Committee should

be taken.

- j) To do such other things as are cognate to the objectives of this society or are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.
- k) To hear professional grievances of members and review them.

3. Office: -

At present the society does not own any premise. It is decided to try to get a place for office. Till the society has its own place, the address of the President & Secretary shall be the working and corresponding address of the society.

4. Membership Eligibility: -

Any person holding a medical qualification equivalent to Modern Medicine M.B.B.S and a post graduate Modern Medicine degree or diploma in Obstetrics & Gynecology recognized by the Medical Council of India or Gujarat Medical Council and practicing or interested in the science of Obstetrics and Gynecology and/or family planning shall be eligible to be a member of the society. Only persons holding a modern medicine degree shall be the members of the society.

5. Classes of Membership: -

- a. Regular Members
 - b. Associate Members
 - c. Honorary Members
 - d. Senior Members
 - e. Post Graduate Members
- a. Regular Members: Those eligible for membership can become regular members.
 - b. Associate Members: Those eligible for regular membership can become associate members if they have missed the deadline for remitting subscription fees with following conditions.
 - (I) They will be considered as Associate member of Surat Obstetric & Gynecological Society only and not the FOGSI & SOGOG for that particular year and will not receive any publication like journal, newsletter etc. meant for FOGSI members.
 - (II) They will not be eligible to vote at the local level.
 - (III) They will not be eligible for any post in the Executive Committee.
 - (IV) The fees will be same as regular membership fees.

(V) They will be able to participate in all the activities of the society.

- c. Honorary Members: The members who are more than 75 years of age and have done exemplary work for the field of Obstetrics & Gynecology or for the Surat Obstetric & Gynecological Society will be offered Honorary membership, as a mark of appreciation and reverence by the decision of the current Executive council by a majority vote. This would be a lifetime membership.
- d. Senior Members: Any regular member of the society who is more than 75 years of age on 31st December in the year of submitting annual fees and who has been regular member of the society for more than 25 years can opt to be senior member. The members fulfilling above criteria shall present their age proof to the Secretary who will get the name approved in the Executive committee.
- e. Post Graduate Members: Candidates pursuing degree or diploma course in Obstetrics & Gynecology would be eligible to be a Post Graduate Member till they complete the degree/diploma. The members would not have right to vote or contest for any post. After completing the degree/diploma they can opt to be regular member of the society.

6. Admission of members: -

The decision of the Executive Committee in admission of all kinds of members shall be final and the Executive Committee shall not be bound to give reasons for rejecting any application.

7. Fees for membership: -

Membership fees comprise of the share paid to the FOGSI & SOGOG per member plus the local branch fees. Local branch Fees would be subject to revision from time to time if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Honorary members will not pay any fees, society will pay for the FOGSI & SOGOG membership of honorary members. Senior members will pay for their FOGSI & SOGOG fees, they will not pay the annual fees of SOGS.

Time of payment of fees: The fees shall be paid in advance by 31st December of the preceding Year.

8. Privileges of members: -

Persons eligible for regular membership shall have the privilege to participate in scientific and clinical meetings, social functions and in all the activities of the society. To receive publications free of charge or at rate fixed by the Executive Committee and shall have a right to vote and hold office of the Executive Committee.

Associate members and Post Graduate members shall have all the privileges mentioned in the foregoing clause, except a right to vote in meetings or to hold office.

Honorary & Senior members will have right to vote but they won't be eligible to hold office.

9. Resignation:-

A member may at any time resign his membership of the society by giving a notice of 30 days in writing to the Secretary of the intention to do so, after paying all amounts due to the Society. The fees will not be refunded for those who have already paid and is resigning in between.

10. Readmission:-

A member who has resigned under the clause 9 on application being made for the purpose may be readmitted with a payment of fresh entrance fees.

Associate membership can be granted at any time of the year by informing the Executive Committee and taking the regular fees.

11. Removal:-

- a) If the conduct of any member shall be deemed by the Executive Committee prejudicial to the interest of the society or calculated to bring medical profession into disrepute, the concerned member would be issued a show cause notice. He/She will be provided an opportunity to present his/her case to the Executive committee, if Executive committee by majority finds the removal necessary, can ask the member to resign, before recommending removal or any other action to the General Body Meeting. Only after listening to the person, General Body will vote on the case, if the decision by majority is to remove the person, his/her name would be deleted from the members list.

If the said member refuses to resign, his/her name shall be erased from the register by the General body at a meeting called for the purpose and three fourth of the members present at the meeting, voting for his/her removal.

- b) If a regular member fails to pay his subscription for a period of one year up to 31st March, his/her name will be struck off from the roll of members.

12. General Body:-

The general body shall consist of regular members, senior and honorary members only. Regular members shall have the right to vote and to be elected as office bearers. Senior and Honorary members

shall have the right to vote but won't be elected as office bearers. Annual general Body Meeting should be hosted in February last week or March first week.

13. Executive Committee: -

The Executive Committee shall consist of Office Bearers (1-10) & E. C. Members, the hierarchy shall be as follows for all official purposes.

1. President
2. Immediate Past President
3. President Elect
4. Vice President
5. Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Joint Secretary
8. Joint Treasurer
9. Assistant Secretary
10. Librarian
11. E.C Members – One member for every 30 regular members. If the remaining part is 10 or more than 10, one member and if less than 10 no extra member. In no case would the total number of EC Members would exceed 19.
12. Ex officio members-
 - a. President of SOGS Education & Charitable Trust
 - b. Members of SOGS who become office bearers of FOGSI & SOGOG
 - c. Any committee Chairperson of FOGSI
 - d. Head of Department (HOD) of Medical Colleges of Surat

The Ex officio members do not have a right to vote in Executive committee.

13. Co-opted members and Advisors: President can nominate a maximum of 3 members as co-opted members and a maximum of 5 members as Advisors from the Past Presidents of the society for fulfilling the agenda of his/her tenure. The co-opted members and advisors won't have the right to vote.
14. Governing council members- Past Presidents of previous five terms would act as Governing council members. In case of any major decision taken by the Executive committee the opinion of Governing council members would be essential.

14. Election of the Executive Committee: -

- a) Immediate Past President of the Election year shall be the Election Officer for the next year's Executive Committee.
- b) The President & Secretary shall invite nominations on a prescribed form for the various posts of the Executive committee of the next term latest by 1st January. Only those members who have paid the fees for the next year before 31st December are eligible to vote, contest, propose or second. The duly filled nomination forms shall be dropped in a sealed box under the custody of Election Officer till the prescribed date, not exceeding 21st January. The box would be opened and the nomination forms would be scrutinized by the Election Officer in the presence of President, Secretary, President Elect and candidates or authorized representatives of the candidates who have applied, after the time for filing the nomination is over. If nominations are more for any or all of the posts, the fact is declared to all the candidates who have applied for those posts. The candidates are given privilege to withdraw their nomination form by the date declared by the election officer which should not exceed 26th January. If the extra nominations are not withdrawn till the last date, election should be held latest by 28th February. The Election Officer can make a committee of three members for conducting the elections smoothly. The members of the election committee should be past Presidents of the society.
- c) Eligibility:
 - (i) **For President Elect:** - Candidate should be less than 75 years of age. He/She must be an Executive committee member for 3 years and an office bearer of the Executive Committee of society for 3 years. President would not be able to contest for the post of President for 10 years. No one can hold the second term of President for 10 years after first term. The post of President can be held by anyone for a maximum of two terms only. Members who have been Secretary would be able to become President.
 - (ii) **For Vice President:** - Candidate should be less than 75 years of age. He/She must be an Executive Committee member for 3 years and an office bearer of the Executive Committee of society for 3 years. No one can hold the post of Vice President for more than two terms.
 - (iii) **For Secretary:-** Candidate should be less than 75 years of age. He/She must be an Executive Committee member for 3 years and office bearer of the Executive Committee for 2 years. One candidate can hold the post of Secretary for a maximum of three terms.
 - (iv) **For Treasurer:** - Candidate should be less than 75 years of age. He/She must be an office bearer for minimum 3 years and Executive Committee member for minimum 4 years. One candidate can hold the post of Treasurer for a maximum of five terms.
 - (v) **Other Office bearers:** - Candidate should be less than 75 years of age. He/She must be an Executive Committee member for 3 years. No one can hold an individual post for more than two terms.

(vi) Election of the Executive Committee member: - He/She must be a regular member of the society for 5 years.

Any person desiring to contest can submit final nomination for only one post. A person who submits final nomination for more than one post & does not withdraw will be disqualified from contesting election from all posts for that year only.

- d) Election shall be by secret ballot in person.
- e) There will be as many votes allowed as the number of posts for the Executive Committee common pool members. A voter must vote for all the posts.
- f) If adequate number of nominations are not received for post or posts any eligible regular member of the society can be invited by the consent of Election Officer, President, Secretary and President Elect. Past President can become President in exceptional circumstances. The Executive Committee will decide by a simple majority about the circumstances and the person for the post.
- g) No member can hold the post of Executive Committee member for more than six terms in a row or intermittently. No member can hold the post of Office bearer for more than three terms. No member can hold a post of lower cadre than the last highest post he/she has held. The post of "Treasurer" will be an exception for all above mentioned regulations.
- h) No member can hold the same post in same term, in SOGS Executive Committee and SOGS Education & Charitable Trust Executive Committee.

15. Vacancy in the Executive Committee: -

- a) Any member who remains absent in two consecutive meetings without written intimation to the President or Secretary stands terminated from membership of the Executive Committee. The Secretary will inform the Executive Committee about any intimation of absentees.
- b) It would be mandatory for the Executive Members to attend at least 60% of the Executive committee meetings.
- c) Vacancy caused by death, retirement, resignation, absenteeism or dismissal would be filled within two months of such a vacancy by co-option by the Executive Committee for the remaining period.
- d) In case of vacancy of the President's post, Immediate Past President or President Elect or other past presidents in that order with consent of Executive committee and willingness of the member will take charge and shall temporarily function as President for the remaining period. In case of vacancy of the post of Secretary, Jt. Secretary will take over, if he/she is not willing, Executive Committee will decide for the post.

16. Power and Functions of the Executive Committee: -

It shall hold office for one year beginning with 1st day of April of the year and ending with the last day of March of the next year or till the installation of the next Executive committee. The Committee shall be entitled to do all acts, matters and things which may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of efficiently carrying out the aims and objectives of the society. The committee would hear and review the professional grievances of members.

In particular, the Committee shall have the following powers.

- a) To appoint staff whose honorarium shall be fixed by the Executive committee every year for administrative purposes and also for carrying out the objectives of the society and to frame rules regarding the condition of their employment, pay, promotions, retirement, retrenchment etc.
- b) To appoint any sub-committee composed either of the members of the Executive Committee or the regular members of society to do such work or to carry out such functions in furthering the objectives of the society as it may assign to such sub-committee or direct such subcommittee to do.
- c) To represent any matter in which they consider, the interest of the society or of the obstetric & Gynecological practitioners or medical profession are concerned before the Government & Public bodies or any properly constituted authority including the Corporate body, institutions, lay press & electronic media.
- d) To form an Ethics committee consisting of President, President Elect, IPP, Secretary, HODs of Medical Colleges, Honorary and Senior Members to promote and facilitate research work by the members of the society.

17. Duties & Power of the President: -

The President or in his/her absence the President Elect will act as Chairperson of all the committees and at the meetings of the society. In absence of both, immediate past president shall act as a Chairperson. The President shall guide, control and supervise all the activities of the society and shall regulate proceedings of the meetings and conferences, interpret the rules and regulations, decide on doubtful points and shall have a casting vote in case of equality of votes, in addition to his/her ordinary vote. He/She will represent the society in all the functions, committees or meetings where the society will be invited, called for or represented. He/She will inform the Executive Committee about the proceedings of the meeting. In his/her absence, Society will be represented by the President Elect or Secretary in that order.

The record of the Executive Committee members and their performance will be maintained by the President with the help of Librarian, Assistant Secretary, Joint Secretary & Secretary. Report Card would be essential to confirm eligibility of future office bearers and EC Members.

Duties of Vice President- To assist the President Elect.

18. Duties of Secretary: -

- a) With the help of Jt. Secretary and Assistant Secretary, he/she shall manage the day to day affairs of the society.
- b) He/She will carry on his/her work under the general direction of the President. He/She will conduct all the correspondence, organize, arrange and convene meetings, conferences, lectures and demonstrations, shall attend all meetings of the society and write the minutes of proceeding. He/She shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Duties of Assistant Secretary - To assist Secretary & Joint Secretary

19. Duties of Treasurer: -

He/She shall receive fees, sponsorships, grants, funds etc. on behalf of the society and make payments whenever necessary and maintain an account of receipts and disbursement of funds, prepare the balance sheet and statement of accounts and present the accounts annually to the General Body and quarterly to the Executive Committee. The programs which need financial support from the society will have to be approved in the Executive committee.

20. FOGSI and SOGOG Representative: -

The President & Secretary shall represent the activities and stand of the society at the Managing committee Meetings & GBM of FOGSI & SOGOG or any other association to which society is affiliated or called upon to participate. If needed they may raise any matter troubling the members of society in the meetings. If the President and/or Secretary are unable to attend the meeting they can authorize any regular member willing to represent the society in the meetings. It shall be deemed necessary for the representative of society to inform the Executive committee about the proceedings of the meeting. The to and fro airfare by Economy class or 2 A/C railway fare shall be reimbursed by the society. Expense of one day stay on twin sharing basis in a decent Hotel not exceeding Rs.10,000 shall be reimbursed to the representative, by the society on presentation of respective bills.

21. Meetings: -

All the meetings of the Executive Committee and General body shall be called by Secretary in consultation with the President.

A) Scientific and Academic Meets - All scientific meets may not have a formal inauguration or dais, however in some special programs where inauguration and dais are deemed necessary, only the President and Secretary shall adorn the chair.

The banner bearing the name of the society will always be displayed in dominant positions of the hall. The invitation cards and letter pads shall have names of the Executive Committee as per hierarchy and the names of the Executive Committee members in alphabetical order.

B) Executive Committee Meeting: -

It should be held at least once in 3 months. Quorum required for an Executive committee meeting is 1/3rd of the total strength.

For an ordinary meeting, 4 days clear notice is needed.

In emergency, even 24 hours or shorter notice will be allowed.

- I) Non-quorum meeting will be held at the same place after half an hour for discussion and decisions on the original agenda. In non quorum meeting no discussion on any other matter will be allowed.
- II) The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting should be written, read and approved at the end of the meeting by the members attending the meeting. If in rare circumstance the minutes could not be written, read and approved, they should be recorded and written later and approved by the members in the very next meeting.
- III) Opinion of all the members of the Executive committee and Governing council should be taken in cases of offbeat situations. If physical presence is not possible because of some reasons, opinion taken by E- mail would be considered valid.

C) General body meetings:

Annual General body shall be held in the last week of February or first week of March.

Following business shall be transected in the General Body Meeting in the following order only.

- a) To read and approve minutes of proceedings of Annual General Body Meeting.
- b) To read and approve the annual report of Secretary about the activities of the year.
- c) To present and approve audited accounts of the society.
- d) To appoint Hon. Auditor for the following year.
- e) Anything else with permission of the chair.

D) Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting: may be called as and when required by the Executive Committee.

General Body:

Quorum is 1/10th of the total strength of the regular members. All the regular members should be informed about the time, place and agenda of the meeting at least 15 days before the scheduled meeting. In emergency, a flash meeting with 24 hrs. or less notice is allowed. The non-quorum meeting will be held at the same place after half an hour. Meeting would be held for discussion and decisions on the original agenda. No new business even from the chair or with the permission of the chair shall be brought before this non-quorum meeting.

Special General Body for amendment to the Constitution:

Notice of at least 15 clear days is necessary. Quorum required is 1/3rd of the total strength. The meeting shall stand cancelled in absence of a quorum and shall be reconvened after half an hour at the same place and the sole agenda shall be discussed. No other agenda even with the permission of the chair shall be discussed in the non-quorum meeting.

In order to pass a proposal of amendment a 2/3rd majority of the members present is must and voting in favour of the proposal is necessary.

Requisition meeting:

At least 30% members should submit a signed requisition to the Secretary who in consultation with the President, shall call a meeting especially to discuss the agenda proposed by them, within 15 days of receiving the requisition notice. The time, date and place of such a meeting shall be fixed by the Secretary in consultation with the President. The requisition should clearly state the reasons and business for which the special meeting is required.

Quorum required is 1/3rd of the total strength. Decisions would be taken by simple majority of the members present.

The meeting shall stand cancelled in absence of a quorum and shall be reconvened after half an hour and the sole agenda shall be discussed. In order to discuss the same agenda, a fresh requisition shall be required with the signatures of 30% members. No requisition meeting shall be called for same agenda within four months.

22. Accounts and Audits: -

The bank accounts shall be jointly operated with the signature of any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasurer will present audited account of the financial year before Executive Committee. After approval of the Executive committee the hard/soft copy of the accounts shall be circulated to the regular members at least 15 days in advance of the date of AGM.

23. Funds of the Association: -

The funds of the income of the society shall be derived from the following sources.

- I) Subscription of the members.
- II) Special contribution or donation or fees for particular purpose.
- III) Such other sources as may be authorized by the general body.
- IV) Special purpose fund.
- V) Income from investment.
- VI) Contribution from the SOGS Education & Charitable Trust as per the constitution of the SOGS Education & Charitable Trust.

24. Investment: -

50% of the excess fund at the end of the financial year will be remitted to the SOGS Education & Charitable Trust account. Remaining funds can be deposited or invested into Government approved securities or fixed deposits of nationalized banks as per decision of the Executive committee.

25. Legal Proceedings: -

Jurisdiction shall be Surat city only for any suits or legal proceedings by or against the society.

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Secretary, SOGS 2021-22

Presidents of SOGS



Dr S. K. Joshi
1970-1972
2 Terms



Dr R K Shelat
1972-1973
1990-1991



Dr Sharad Parikh
2 Terms



Dr Prabhavati Dixit
2 Terms



Dr Sudevi Hajari
1 Term



Dr Malti Shah
1977-78, 1984-85
1994-95



Dr B M Gokani
3 Terms



Dr Vasantben Shah
1 Term



Dr Tarlika Gokani
1982-1983
2008 -2009



Dr N C Tijoriwala
1983-1984
2005-2006



Dr Daxa Dholabhai
1987-1988



Dr Devendraben Shah
1988-1989



Dr R C Gupta
1989-1990



Dr Aken Desai
1991-1992



Dr D S Desai
1992-1993



Dr Veena Desai
1993-1994



Dr Perna Parekh
1995-1996



Dr Bharat Naik
1996-1997



Dr Prakash Bhatt
1997-1998



Dr Jayanti Patel
1998-1999

Presidents of SOGS



Dr Nimish Shelat
1999-2000
2007-2008



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Dr Anita Shah
2001-2002



Dr Malti Dalal
2002-2003



Dr Mansukh Patel
2003-2004



Dr Binodini Chauhan
2004-2005



Dr Asha Bhatt
2006-2007



Dr Usha Valadra
2009 -2010



Dr Sandhya Chhasatia
2010-2011



Dr Dipti Patel
2011-2012



Dr Sushma Iyer
2012- 2013



Dr Ashvin Vachhani
2013 -2014



Dr Rajiv Vyas
2014-2015



Dr Narendra Vaghela
2015-2016



Dr Manisha Jhawar
2016-2017



Dr Rajesh Tuli
2017-2018



Dr Ruta Gokani
2018-2019



Dr Milind Wadekar
2019-2020



Dr Jayesh Patel
2020 - 2021



Dr Jagruti Desai
2021-2022

Epilogue

ABOUT SURAT

Surat, is a port city previously known as **Suryapur**. It is the economical capital and former princely state in the Indian state of Gujarat. It is the eighth largest city and ninth largest urban agglomeration in India. It is one of the cleanest city of India (ranked 2nd in 2021) and one of the fastest growing cities of the world. The city is famous for its food as rightly said - સુરતનું જમણ અને કાશીનું મરણ. It is known as the city of Diamonds, Jari, Textiles and Flyovers. This diamond capital of the world is going to have Diamond Bourse in near future. It is also the textile capital of India and the administrative capital of Surat district.

The city is situated on banks of the Tapi River where a moat divides the older parts of the city, with its narrow streets and handsome houses, and the newer suburbs. Population of Surat is 7.49 millions in 2021. Once upon a time it was the largest city in India. Surat is mentioned in Sanskrit epic, the Mahabharata, when Lord Krishna stopped there on his way from Mathura to Dwarka. The Parsis began to settle there in the 8th century. Local Hindu traditions state that the city was founded in the last years of the fifteenth century A.C.E. by a Brahmin named Gopi, who called it *Suryapur(City of the Sun)*.

The city is located at 21°10'N72°50'E. It has an average elevation of 13 meters. The Surat district is surrounded by Bharuch, Narmada, Navsari; to the west is the Gulf of Cambay and the surrounding districts. The climate is tropical and monsoon rainfall is abundant about 1143 mm a year.

Surat has a tropical savanna climate, moderated strongly by the Sea to the Gulf of Cambay. The temperature ranges from 14°C to 30°C in December.

The city registered an annualised GDP growth rate of 11.5% over the seven fiscal years between 2001 and 2008. Surat was awarded "best city" by the Annual Survey of India's City-Systems (ASICS) in 2013. Surat is selected as the first smart IT city in India which is being constituted by the Microsoft City. Next initiative was tied up with IT services majors Tata Consultancy Services and Wipro. Surat has been selected as one of twenty Indian cities to be developed as a smart city under PM Narendra Modi's flagship Smart Cities Mission.



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