

Indian Express 03.12.2009 **Surat Municipal Corporation launches e-newspaper**

The Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has launched e-newspaper on its website www.suratmunicipal.org. Chief Minister Narendra Modi had started the Internet newspaper during a visit to the city on Sunday.

It is the first civic body in the state to have an online newspaper. A separate website may be developed later, based on the response. All reports will be posted in Gujarati and English.

SMC Assistant Commissioner C Y Bhatt said, “It was a wish of the Chief Minister to start an e-paper. We will update news daily.”

The portal will provide news relating to the city, business,

culture, sports, education and other subjects on Surat.

To get the latest news, the SMC has joined hands with various organisations, like South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), industrial associations of Udhna, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VSGNU), Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT) and Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology (SCET).

Also, they plan to get regular press releases from the district collectorate, Surat police and other government offices.

According to Bhatt, all these organisations will send news through emails so that the website could be easily updated.