

Capturing New Heights in Science Literacy!

## MUST SEE DESTINATION WHERE SCIENCE IS EASY: SCIENCE IS FUN

Gujarat Science City (GSC), working under the aegis of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, is emerging as a large-scale science popularization platform in the state and country to promote innovative and experimental activities through hands-on and minds-on exposures.

Gujarat Science City is being developed in a phased manner and conceptualized on hexagonal grid patterns that house various theme pavilions. The first phase of the Science City is consisting of the India's First IMAX 3D Theatre, Hall of Space, Hall of Science, Energy Education Park, Children Activity Centre, Musical Fountain, Amphitheatre, LED Screen, Life Science Park, Planet Earth Pavilion, Wetlands Park, Simulator, Earth Station, Auditorium and basic amenities like parking and cafeteria amid the beautiful landscape of the campus. It is now a popular destination of interest to one and all.

The approach and methodology of the GSC is focused on informal community based learning which is different from the formal mode of education. All of its programs intended to enliven the imagination, foster creativity and develop a spirit of inquiry, especially in young minds. Children visiting Science City are exploring the wonders of science and technology and accessing the most exciting and contemporary form of entertainment regardless of the social stratum, education or age group and create a culture of learning through participation.

With its magnificent infrastructure, imaginative design and concept, vibrancy in activities, the Gujarat Science City is achieving an international stature, benchmarked against the best Science Centres worldwide and capturing new heights in science literacy. About 30 lakh visitors including 18 lakh school children have visited GSC during last five years and the trend is upbeat.

The Science City has always been in forefront of Scientific Activities catered to all sections of society. The Gujarat Science City is celebrating science by conducting various scientific and educational activities round the year. The Science City also releases unique Scientific Event Calendars year wise for maximizing the awareness and participation.

For the International Year of Biodiversity, the GSC is designing special activities and programmes targeting to different target groups around the year.

Let the Young mind blossom - full of thought... the thought of prosperity - with this, the GSC is all set to host many national and international Science Festivals in the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 at its sprawling campus and to attract and ignite the young minds of the country to the field of science and to set a new standard of science literacy.