



Good Evening to you all,

It is great pride and joy that we gather to day to commemorate the formation days of Gujarat and Maharashtra –the two pillars of our diverse and vibrant nation. This day marks not just the formation of states but also celebrates their unique identities, heritage, culture and the countless sacrifices made by their people to shape their collective destiny.

What a beautiful sentiment that captures the essence of India's unity in diversity! Your Introduction and your comments resonate deeply with the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" (One India, Great India). Celebrating the formation days of Gujarat and Maharashtra is a wonderful way to honor their unique linguistic, and historical contributions while reinforcing the idea that "nation first" unites us all.

Gujarat & Maharashtra are the Pillars of India's Progress. Both states have gifted India iconic personalities who've shaped the nation, from Gujarat- Mahatma Gandhi Ji (Father of the Nation), Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Ji (Iron Man of India), Narendra Modi Ji (PM), and many legends had their roots in Gujarat.

Take from Maharashtra warrior king Shivaji Maharaj Ji, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Ji Morarji Desai Ji and many luminaries in arts and science are from Maharashtra.

It's heartening to see states celebrating their formation days under central government guidelines, fostering national integration with task to achieve VIKSIT BHARAT by 2047.

By organizing many events, you're not just honoring history but also educating future generations about India's pluralistic ethos.

Your emphasis on "wherever we stay, nation first" aligns perfectly with India's constitutional values. Whether through attire, language, festivals, or food, every state adds vibrancy to the national fabric. Celebrating these differences while staying united is India's greatest strength.

Formation day celebrations inspire pride in Gujarat's entrepreneurial spirit, Maharashtra's revolutionary legacy, and the collective identity of being Indian.

Gujarat, Maharashtra Statehood holds historical and cultural importance for both states. It marks the creation of Gujarat and Maharashtra in 1960 after the division of the Bombay State. Both states celebrate this day with pride.

Events are held to honor the leaders who led the movement and shaped the identity of the regions.

Aspirants should note the political, historical, and constitutional aspects related to the Gujarat, Maharashtra Statehood Day 2025, especially the role of the States and the observance of this day is significant as it commemorates the linguistic and cultural identities of both states.

Recently I visited Gujarat and Maharashtra, particularly the annual Madhavpur Fair in Porbandar, Gujarat celebrations of the marriage of Lord Krishna and Rukmini, which is believed to have taken place in Madhavpur is attracted me a lot.

First I will talk little about Maharashtra, Later my reflections will be on Gujarat.

Maharashtra Statehood is significant for the Marathi-speaking population, who fought for their own linguistic and cultural identity. Maharashtra Foundation Day is marked by speeches from political leaders, flag hoisting ceremonies, and cultural programs.

Maharashtra is the second-most populous state in India, the third most populous country subdivision in South Asia and the fourth-most populous in the world. The state is home to six UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Elephanta Caves, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and many. The economy of Maharashtra is the largest in India, Maharashtra is one of the most industrialised states in India. The state's capital is India's financial and commercial capital. India's largest stock exchange and the oldest in Asia, is located in the city, as is the National Stock Exchange, which is the second-largest stock exchange in India and one of world's largest derivatives exchanges. The state has played a significant role in the country's social and political life and is widely considered a leader in terms of agricultural and industrial production, trade and transport, and education.

Statehood Day is a reminder of Gujarat's unique identity, culture, and journey since its formation. In 1960, Gujarat was carved out from the Bombay State to fulfill the aspirations of the Gujarati-speaking population.

Since then, Gujarat has developed rapidly in industries, education, and culture. The history of Gujarat state dates back to ancient times. It was home to the Indus Valley Civilization, followed by rule under the Mauryas, Guptas, and later, the Mughals and Marathas.

Gujarat is strategically located with India's longest coastline of 1,600 kms and acts as a natural gateway to the rich land-locked northern and central hinterland. Gujarat is renowned for its beaches, temples towns, historic capitals, wildlife sanctuaries, hill resorts, sculptures, handicrafts, arts and festivals.

Gujarat has and continues to be the pride of India from an economic, cultural and social development perspective. It is recognized for its vibrancy and entrepreneurial spirit. It is one of India's leading industrialized and assumes a pivotal role in the fast changing business dynamics of India to meet the globalization drive.

Gujarat is the ninth largest state of India as far as population is concerned. There are several celebrities from Gujarat, as well as sportspersons, politicians, leaders, freedom fighters, singers, industrialists, and many more.

The economy of Gujarat, a state in Western India, is the most industrialized in India, having the highest industrial output of any state in the union. It has the highest exports of any Indian state. It leads in diverse industrial sectors such as chemicals, petrochemicals, dairy, drugs and pharmaceuticals, cement and ceramics, gems and jeweler, textiles and engineering.

It has the highest Electricity Production Capacity and Maritime Port Cargo Volume among all states in India.

It also has significant agricultural production with major agricultural produce of the state being cotton, ground nuts, dates, and sugar, Cane, milk and milk products. Gujarat recorded the lowest unemployment rate in India.

Let us remind ourselves of the fundamental truth: We are Indians First. Our states are like vibrant threads in the grand tapestry of Bharat. We must feel pride owning our state, but let us never forget that working for this Tripura state is working for India. Every effort we make strengthens the foundation of our entire country.

Let us adopt the spirit of Think National, Act Local. Let inspire this day to raise above narrow divides, for strong India needs strong states.

Jai Gujarat, Jai Maharashtra, Jai Tripura

Jai Hind