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## SNAP SHOTS

### Haneef to seek compensation from Oz

Indian doctor Mohamed Haneef, who has been cleared of terror charges in the failed UK car bombings, will seek compensation and an apology from the Australian police for the "immense damage" to his career, reputation and family.

**KK Birla is dead:** Krishna Kumar Birla, noted industrialist who had established one of India's biggest business conglomerates, died on Saturday at his residence in Kolkata after a brief illness. A former Rajya Sabha member for three terms from 1984 to 2002, he was 90.

**India not to accept NSG waiver if red lines are crossed, says NSA:** Ahead of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) meeting, India has said it will not accept the waiver from the 48-nation grouping if the "red lines" set by it are crossed. National security advisor MK Narayanan made it clear that inclusion of any clause on testing, periodic review or denial of enrichment and reprocessing technology in the text of the NSG waiver would be unacceptable. P 8

**Twenty two dead in China earthquake:** At least twenty two people were killed on Saturday when a strong earthquake with an intensity

# Global Gujarati charms Uncle Sam

## New Jersey Governor Declares August 29 As Gujarat Day

Hiral Dholakia-Dave

Edison, New Jersey: It was a show of Gujarati might. And, it wasn't just the 10,000 Gujaratis converging in Edison on the inaugural day of World Gujarati Conference — Chaalo Gujarat — who proved it.

An overwhelmed New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine declared August 29 as Gujarat Day for the state, a big honour for the famed global Gujarati.

Understandably, sentiments ran high at the stunning celebration of Gujarati culture, art, history, language and enterprise. Community leaders made their presence felt, even though prominent inclusions like Mahesh Ambani and Morari Bapu stayed away.

"We have all that takes to make Gujarat a model state," said key-



Parthiv Gohil singing a patriotic song at the event

note speaker and renowned economist Jagdish Bhagwati, echoing the sentiments of a large number of Gujaratis here.

Hiral Dholakia-Dave

The spectacular show included a multi-screen feature film highlighting Gujarat's development and heritage and a laser show that had everyone soaking in pride.

"We own 30 per cent of hotels in the US. Surat leads the world in the diamond trade. Gujarat has given the world Gandhi ji. The Ambanis and Tatas all hail from our state. It is time to make a statement to the world," said Pravin Patel, who owns several convenience stores in New Jersey.

"That Gujaratis are found in any part of the world has become a cliché. But, wherever we went, we took along our culture and heritage and preserved them," said Anuradh Desai, a real estate broker from Connecticut.

## FALL GUY!



# TRJA runners-up trophy for jeweller



Nikhil Desai of Charu Jewels receives the award

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Surat: City-based Charu Jewels has received a runners-up trophy in all India consumer choice category at the Retail Jeweller India Awards (TRJA)-2008 held recently in Mumbai.

This is first time that a jeweller from Gujarat has bagged the TRJA award, considered as the Oscars of \$20 billion Indian retail jewellery industry.

The fourth jewellery award ceremony had been designed to create excellence in retail, explore the wealth of design craftsmanship and reward the

er parts of the country," said Nikhil Desai, owner, Charu Jewels, known for its designer diamond and coloured gemstone jewellery.

Asked about their USP, Desai said, "Our jewellery designs keep changing every day. When a customer purchases a designer diamond necklace, the design is his or her unique property. We have been making around 5,500 different kinds of designer jewellery in a year."

Earlier, Charu Jewels was nominated in four different categories namely colour