

Keshubhai's son dies of heart attack in US

Pravin Patel, 60, had been living in the US for past 12 years; PM, Amit Shah condole his death



Amit Shah visited Keshubhai to offer condolence

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Former chief minister Keshubhai Patel's son Pravin Patel died of cardiac arrest at the age of 60 at Dallas in the United States. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up Keshubhai to offer his condolences, while BJP party president Amit Shah and other party leaders visited Patel's residence in Gandhinagar in the evening to condole him.

Shah, who arrived here on Saturday evening, went straight to Patel's house on being informed about the demise of his son in the US. BJP spokesperson Parag Patel said, Shah is in the city for All-India Congress event on Sunday that'll meet 1,5 lakh youth across the state on Shah Day through video conference.

Keshubhai had lost his wife in 2006 in a fire accident at his residence.

Patel has five sons and one daughter.

All his sons have moved to America. Pravin Patel had settled in America for the past 12 years. He leaves behind his wife and two children, a daughter and son both of whom are married and settled in the US. Pravin had left home to become a developer of Delhi. He later moved to the US and owned a few businesses in Dallas.

Apart from Shah, Chief Minister Viji Raje also condoled the death of Pravin Patel. "Pravin and I had studied together in Rajkot but was of my age. He has died at a young age. I have spoken to Keshubhai and conveyed my condolences," Raje said.



Pravin Patel



All prepped up for VIP visit

Ahmedabad District Collector Avanti Ka Singh along with Joint Commissioner of Police (Sector-1) Piyush Patel checks on the arrangements at Sabarmati Ashram where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japan PM Shinzo Abe are expected to visit on September 12.

(Below) The athletics ground near Sabarmati railway station being spruced up where Modi and Abe will conduct the groundbreaking ceremony (bhoome-pujan) for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project

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Six Divyapath students moved out of ICU

They had undergone surgeries after being badly injured in bus-truck collision on Friday

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Of the 13 students of Divyapath Campus who were admitted to Zydus hospital on Friday after a road accident, six have been moved out of the intensive care unit, sources in the hospital told *Mirror*. One of the 13 students was discharged on Friday itself. The others had to undergo surgeries. Of those, three are under observation, while three are in critical condition. The driver has said to be critical.

As many as 17 students and their bus driver were injured badly in the bus-truck collision on Friday morning. Three students sustained multiple injuries in abdomen and head besides fractures in limbs. According to hospital sources, the students underwent surgeries on Friday. The condition of the bus driver has not improved since Friday and two surgeries have already been performed on him.

Sources added that majority of the injuries to students were orthopaedic and students were operated upon for fractures. Changodar PSI IV Rathod said, "We called PSI officials to survey



The school bus collided with a truck in Changodar

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IV Rathod, PSI, Changodar

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The bridge they need

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"Most have not had any prior education. The few who have are most likely to have studied at anganwadi," she pointed out.

The beginning

The volunteers had once gone to promote girl child education. Without naming the school, one of the coordinators said they saw teachers shouting at a few students, calling them 'dull' and 'antique pieces'.

Upon inquiry, they found out that the students had been admitted under RTE. They decided to hold special classes for these students to help them match the level of other students in their classes. However, their biggest grudge is that the government does not supervise schools once they admit the students under RTE.

The volunteers make parents aware of RTE Act, help them file applications and stay with them right till the admissions.

Different pedagogy

Music, art, stories, rhymes and photographs are part of the study resources. They focus on developing linguistic and mathematical abilities of children. Students go from listening to speaking to reading and then writing. Last year, the NGO ran a pilot

These students ask us when they will be like others. The school can't focus on them. Over time, they develop inferiority complex

-Bhavisha Acharya, NGO coordinator



We have to make them understand basic concepts, sometimes even lessons of class 1. Most students enrolled under RTE did not have any prior education.

-Priti Shah, Trustee, Jeevanti



project at three schools—Nutan School, Saurabh Primary School and Sabarmati Kanya Shala. This year, besides Saurabh School in Nava Vadaj, they teach at Ganesh Vidyalaya in Ranip, Forum Primary School (Usmanpura), Navsankar Primary School (Juna Vadaj) and Vadi Primary School (Nava Vadaj).

Renuka Bhavsar, a bal mitra (as the volunteers are known), says they work on developing clarity and deep understanding along with fun. They also focus on peer learning where bright RTE students teach the ones who are weak. She adds, "These are mostly children of daily wagers. When they join school, they are like blank slate. We have 130 students under RTE and around 70 others who are slow learners."

Schools too are happy

"These students have no background of education. It is impossible for teachers to teach them with others. This initiative has been of great help and students have also improved significantly," said Bhumika Patel, principal, Saurabh Primary School. "The students are opening up, allowing their latent talents to be explored. The volunteers' teaching methodology helps them understand concepts better," added Jasmina Patel, principal, Ganesh Vidyalaya.

Atul Fadia, trustee of Forum School said, "Parents feel it is the duty of the school and government to teach the children. The kids need revision and environment of learning at home which they do not get. This coaching has helped them a lot."