

Gujarat Health Minister Nitin Patel said that the state government has set up a committee to probe an incident in which four people partially lost their eyesight after cataract surgery at an eye hospital in Bareja. The committee has been asked to examine the incident and fix the responsibility for it. It has been asked to submit its report immediately. We will take action later," Patel said.

# Man's hope-filled wait for comatose wife to wake up

Four years after Twinkle slipped into a coma following an overdose of anaesthesia during a C-section delivery, Ravindra Verma is hopeful that she will wake up soon

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At a time when love and relationships are taken for granted, Ravindra Verma is a shining beacon of devotion and true love. For the past 43 months, the 35-year-old has been keeping vigil next to the bed of his comatose wife, hoping and praying fervently for her to wake up and smile at him. Despite facing severe financial crises, Ravindra refuses to give up on the mother of his three children, who he says is the love of his life.

For Ravindra and Twinkle, what should have been one of the happiest days in their life, turned into a nightmare which continues till date. "Twinkle was pregnant. We already had a son and we hoped the almighty would bless us with a baby girl. On April 6, 2010, our prayers were answered and Twinkle delivered twin girls at VSHospital. But even before I could rejoice the birth of my babies, I was told by the doctors that Twinkle had slipped into a coma," said Ravindra, whose eyes still brim with tears when he recalls the fateful day.

According to medical experts, Twinkle had slipped into coma due to an overdose of anaesthesia. "Doctors told me they couldn't tell when she would come out of coma. Within minutes, my world went from bright to dark. Initially, I couldn't believe something so tragic could happen to her. She is the mother of my kids and she is the woman I love. I couldn't give up on her," said Ravindra, who dreams of seeing his wife walk out of the hospital the way she had walked in.

While Ravindra stays at his wife's bedside, the couple's children – son Devesh (7), and two daughters Yashika and Yamika (3) live with their grandparents and uncle. Ravindra quit his job at a private company to take care of Twinkle.

Even the hospital staff now recognizes Ravindra and tries to assist him in looking after his wife. One of the staff said, "You will find him near bed 35 (Twinkle's bed) on second floor. The place is like a second home to him. I have never seen a guy more devoted to his wife. He takes care of all her needs, performs pooja everyday and



Twinkle lies in coma in V S Hospital. Four years ago, she had come to the hospital to deliver her twins, but never left; (inset) Twinkle when she was healthy



Ravindra Verma quit his job to look after his wife



Ravindra has set up a small place of worship next to Twinkle's bed where he prays regularly

sits by her side, keeping her company. It doesn't matter to him that she is in coma, he is confident she will get well some day."

Ravindra is facing some daunting financial problems but he refuses to give up on Twinkle. He said, "Not just 43 months, I can wait all my life for her to get well. I will take care of her till she gets normal." He has also initiated legal proceedings against the hospital for negligence.

# NIDian's device makes diabetes check pain free

NID's product design student Pranay Kumar designs a device that checks the sugar level, releases insulin and also maintains data

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The pain and need of a diabetic has inspired an NIDian to design a device that not only keeps a check on the sugar level but also releases insulin in the body without a shot. The yet-to-be named insulin management system is created by Pranay Arun Kumar, a third year student of product design.

The prototype includes an insulin device and a control unit that uses a non-invasive and transdermal manner to release insulin into the body. The device monitors the level of glucose in blood and decides the amount of insulin required on regular basis. An insulin patch attached to the device can be put on the skin. The ultrasound waves emitted through Iontophoresis process open skin pores or hair follicles through which insulin is released in the body.

The device also keeps a record of the sugar level and insulin given to the body daily. Pranay has also developed an app to transfer the data from the device to smart devices: be it smart phone, tablet, laptop using wi-fi or Bluetooth.

The daily record, said Pranay, will reduce the physical visits of a patient to doctor.

"I am yet to decide on whether to use Bluetooth or Wi-Fi for connectivity. Though I prefer Bluetooth because it consumes less battery than Wi-Fi, the later is more commonly available," said 20-year old Pranay who is still giving the final touches to



Pranay displays the workings of the machine made by him

his project. Those, who do not have smart devices, will be able to use the system through the smart control unit that controls the main device. The control unit can be worn as a wrist band or pendant.

"It's a very futuristic concept. Since the topic is sensitive health issue, the project needs more polishing. This is something revolutionary, even medical practitioners must be looking for this kind of device. I hope it serves the purpose and change the lives of diabetics for good," said Ranjit Konkar, Pranay's guide and faculty at discipline of product design.

# Cyclist knocked down by speeding car in Satellite

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A 22-year-old cyclist was hit by a speeding BMW car near Rajpath Club around 7.30pm on Tuesday, said the Satellite police. According to sources, the impact of the accident was such that the cyclist Govardhan Gujjar was flung in the air and landed on the windshield of the car.

"The cyclist was crossing the road when the car hit him. Gujjar sustained serious injuries and was rushed to Sola Civil in 108 ambulance. From there, he had to be rushed to Civil Hospital in Asarwadue to the nature of his injuries,"



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Hardik Agarwal was driving the car

sources said. Though the nature of the victim's injuries was not clear, he is said to be in a critical condition.

Satellite PIJM Patel said, "Hardik Agarwal, a resident of Shahibaug, was behind the wheels. We have arrested him."