

17th century anchor unveiled for Surtis

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SURAT: The Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) celebrated the World Heritage Day by dedicating the 17th century anchor for public viewing at Navadi Ovara and releasing a book 'At the Core' on the city's heritage treasure on Monday.

A grand function was organised at Navadi Ovara at Nanpura under the chairmanship of mayor Raju Desai on Monday. The mayor inaugurated the historic anchor placed on the elevated concrete structure and released the book on city's heritage treasure.

Official sources said the main idea behind putting the 17th century anchor is to remind the residents about the glorious trade history of this erstwhile port city. The original anchor was fished out during the dredging exercise in river Tapi many years ago.

The book on city's heritage treasure 'At the Core', which has been published by Urban Management Centre and written by Manvita Baradi and Meghna Malhotra, will give an in-depth insight about the historic buildings and structures present in different corners of the city. Each of the heritage structures and their past history has been explained in detail to spread awareness among the residents.

Desai said, "This is a historic city and we have heritage treasure in abundance. The only need is to preserve it in a manner that our coming generations would know about the glorious past of this amazing city."