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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am happy to note that a coffee table book is being published on the occasion of the Vibrant Gujarat summit 2015, to promote Kutch as an attractive investment destination.

Indeed, the transformation of Kutch over the last 14 years, since the devastating earthquake of 2001, is a success story that India can be proud of, and one which can serve as an inspiration for many other regions of India.

My best wishes on this occasion. May Kutch district rise to even greater heights in the years to come.


(Narendra Modi)

12 December, 2014
New Delhi





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MESSAGE**Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder-Plato.**

Kutch region of the Gujarat, once believed to be barren and land of sand, is now world famous for its sand dunes, white desert and richness of cultural heritage. It is unique capacity of our Hon'ble The Prime Minister who expertly turns problems into opportunities. Post earthquake, Shree Narendrabhai gave special attention towards transforming people's vision and prejudice for Kutch.

Due to the geographical advantages, Government of Gujarat has successfully made Kutch, a centre of attraction for **Global Tourism** and also for the industrialists all over the nation. I am happy to learn that the **Kutch Administration** is going to publish a **Coffee Table Book** for making necessary informations available for the potential Industrialists, who wish to venture in to Kutch for their future enterprises. I hope the book will be enlightening to all. I extend my best wishes to all the '**Karmayogis**' for their commitment and dedication.

Anandiben Patel
(Anandiben Patel)

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Shree M. S. Patel, Collector, IAS,
The Office of the Collectorate,
Bhuj- 370 001.
Dist: Kutch.
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Anandiben Patel
Chief Minister, Gujarat State





Shri Saurabhbhai Patel

Hon. Minister,
Finance, Energy & Petrochemicals, Mines Minerals, Cottage Industries,
Salt Industries, Printing and Stationery, Planning, Tourism, Civil aviation



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Government of Gujarat



Shri Shankarbhai Chaudhary

Hon. Minister of State,
Health and Family Welfare, Transport &
Urban Housing



सत्यमेव जयते
Government of Gujarat

“ Its is heartening to know the publication of this coffee table book by Kutch collector and Federation Of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA), on the eve of Vibrant summit 2015. The success story of industrial development of the once considered economically backward district is unbelievable. I am feeling privileged, on being part of this success story, flagged off by then Hon.Chief Minister and now Hon.Prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi. I have studied Kutch as an industrial potential thoroughly, on the basis I can tell you, the industrial development in the district yet to touch the peak. The state government, under the leadership of Hon.Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel, is aggressively attracting more industries in the region. Our focus is now balanced and 360 degree growth and I can see its fulfillment in Kutch through industrial and tourism development.

The government is launching new industrial policy in a few days. I can promise you it will bring more cheers for investors to come. ”



“ Kutch has faced many adversities of nature since the years. The visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai, has developed Kutch as one of the most talked district for industries and tourism. Today people from every nook and corner of the country are rushing to the district for employment. The tourism development in the district has turned the barren land of rann in to heap of opportunities for entrepreneur. The availability of huge land bank and investor friendly policy of state government, backed by experienced leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel will take the development of kutch to new height.

The publication of this coffee table book on the eve of Vibrant summit 2015 by district administration and Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA) is really a pragmatic thought. This book will be useful to entrepreneurs, willing to invest in the Kutch. ”



Shri Tarachandbhai Chheda
Hon. Minister of State
Cottage Industry, Salt Industry and Cow Breeding



Government of Gujarat



Shri Vasantbhai Ahir
Hon. Parliamentary Secretary
Social Justice and Empowerment
(Welfare of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes)



Government of Gujarat

“ Being son of soil, I am well versed with characteristics of Kutch district. Catastrophic earthquake of 2001 has rendered Kutch district hapless and helpless. But the strong political will and able leadership of the then Hon. Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi has changed the catastrophe into prosperity of Kutch district and made today Kutch as one of the fastest growing region in the world. The experienced leadership of Hon. Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel has been guiding us to take the journey of development further.

The endeavour of administration of Kutch and especially collector of Kutch and FOKIA (Federation of Kutch Industrial Association) in publishing coffee-table-book and audio-visual will, at the time of ensuing Vibrant Gujarat 2015, surely facilitate investors of India and abroad in getting every information for setting up industries in Kutch. It is also worthwhile appreciating collector of Kutch for his efforts in setting up “Industrial promotion cell” at Bhuj, which would prove helpful in providing every bit of information to entrepreneurs. ”

“ It was matter of bliss for me to be part of the first delegation that went to represent before the then Hon. Prime Minister of India Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji for fiscal incentives package for the economical rehabilitation of this earthquake ravaged district. The district was witnessing heavy migration since the centuries and was dependent on money order economy. Today, thanks to meticulous implementation of these fiscal incentive policies by the then Chief Minister and today's Hon. Prime minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, kutch is one of the fastest growing districts in the world. During the period 2001 to 2014 Hon. Prime minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi visited kutch area 89 times, which shows heartily and special attachments to kutch district, The State Government, under the leadership of Hon. Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel, is equally committed to "Make in India Mission". Today, the district has generated more than one lac direct and two lacs indirect employments. The people across the country and globe are today coming to this district for employment and business opportunities.

It is really an impressive initiative by Kutch collector and federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA) to publish this coffee table book. on the eve of seventh Vibrant Summit, 2015. I am sure this book will be very useful to entrepreneurs, intending to establish their ventures in the district. ”



Shri D. J. Pandian, IAS
Chief Secretary



Shri J. P. Gupta, IAS
Secretary & Commissioner(Health) and
In charge Secretary, Kutch



“ After the devastating earthquake of year 2001, the economical rehabilitation policies, declared by then central and state government ushered a new era of industrial development in the economically backward district. The continuous flow of investment, even after the fiscal incentives period, clearly suggests the potential of the district, as an industrial investment friendly destination. Kutch will provide the perfect synergy to entrepreneurs to realize the “make in india” mission announced by Hon Chief Minister Smt Anandiben patel, is equally committed to “make in india mission”.

This coffee table book published by kutch collector and Federation of kutch Industries Association (FOKIA), will provide cursory information about kutch to investor, willing to put up their project. It is really a good initiative by kutch collector to start an “Investment Promotion Cell” , to provide guidance and necessary information to upcoming project in the district. Let me assure you my office at Gandhinagar will also work in proactive manner with the cell and help entrepreneurs to implement the project speedily. ”

“ It is my pleasure to know that coffee-table is being published showcasing “Kutch District, Ideal destination for investors” on 15th December 2014 by District collectorate for the Vibrant Gujarat 2015.

Kutch, one of the most ecologically and ethnically diverse district of the State is a celebratory land of art, crafts, music, dance, people and nature. Hence, it is pertinent to provide detailed information on various departments to investors on common platform.

I therefore, appreciate this endeavor of publishing coffee-table book, “Industrial Promotion Cell” and other investor friendly positive administrative initiatives.

On this occasion, I send my best wishes and appreciate the team work of the District Team. ”





Shri Mahendra Patel, IAS
Collector & District Magistrate
Kutch



सत्यमेव जयते
Government of Gujarat

“ Greetings on the eve of 7th Vibrant Summit, 2015.

It is a matter of great pride for me and my team to be part of ongoing, incredible success story of industrial development of Kutch district. Our Hon. Prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi sir has very rightly said that Gujarat has shown the country, how an economically backward region like Kutch can be developed through industrialization and tourism. It is noteworthy that today Kutch district is one of the fastest growing region in the world.

The rapid industrialization of the district has created more opportunities for entrepreneurs to invest in strengthening of industrial and social infrastructure. The vast land bank available in the district is huge plus point for mega projects. The state government under able leadership of Hon. Chief minister Anandiben Patel madam has made some radical changes on land revenue related policies, making the land acquisition process faster, reducing the implementation time of the mega projects. The availability of variety of non metallic minerals, port based, segment based and ancillary service based industrialization provide balanced growth to the district. The development of MSME units in the district completes the pyramid of industrialization. The availability of Narmada water through canal for irrigation will change the agriculture landscape of the district, creating excellent opportunities for agro processing units.

The vision of our Hon. Prime minister Narendra Modi sir and Hon. Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel madam is to percolate the benefits of industrial development up to the last person of the district. Let me assure you that me, my entire team and people of kutch district are committed to realize the vision.

I am sure this book will be useful for upcoming projects of the district and will help them to forge right partnership with administration and people of kutch, creating win-win situation for all stake holders. ”



What makes a desert beautiful is that somewhere in the vastness lies an ocean of opportunities.



The Industry speaks...



Shri Gautam Adani
Chairman & MD,
Adani Group

“ Kutch has always been a source of inspiration for me. Entrepreneurship thrives in this region which I call our Karmabhoomi. The history of the Adani Group is inextricably linked to Kutch as our journey towards nation building started here with our Mundra Port and the Mundra Power Plant. I see the blessed region of Kutch continuing to play an increasingly important national role in the days to come. We feel privileged that over the last two decades we have had the opportunity to contribute to the growth in this region. ”



Shri P. R. Jindal
Chairman (Non-executive),
Jindal SAW

“ Jindal Saw Limited participated in the first Vibrant Gujarat initiative and today we are the proud owner of three facilities in the Kutch region. We have invested over Rs. 3000 crores over a period of time which has generated over 5000 jobs and supported the development of the region besides fulfilling our corporate objectives. The support of the state and the local bodies have facilitated the growth of business and we are happy to be a part of the development story. ”



Shri Anil Sardana
MD & CEO,
Tata Power

“ Tata Power, along with several other Tata Group companies, has enjoyed a long and productive bond with the state of Gujarat. We are especially committed to the Kutch region as one of our most prized sub-sidiaries ‘Coastal Gujarat Power Limited (CGPL)’ owns and operates a state of the art, most energy efficient power plant in Mundra, apart from solar plant in Mithapur and wind farms in various locations of Gujarat. Our introduction to the Kutch region - with its salt and spice, tie-dye and block-print textiles, ‘Kharek’ and ‘Chikoo’ trees - has been positive and welcoming. Gujarat has demonstrated how an enabling government focused on development can create an environment of certainty and predictability towards the betterment of the people. Today the Kutch region of Gujarat is one of the most investor friendly regions with state of the art infrastructure.

It would not be wrong to say that the Kutch turnaround after the devastating earthquake of 2001 is one of biggest examples of how positive governance helped revive the eco-nomy by inviting industries to establish their presence here. The skyline of cities like Bhuj and Gandhidham today resemble those of mega cities with high rises and it is heartening to see the energy and vigour. Tata Power aims to be the neighbor of choice in all areas it operated and has always received excellent support from the Government of this State in this endeavour. We look forward to participating in the 7th edition of the ‘Vibrant Gujarat Summit’ in January 2015, strengthening this bond as we look forward to a long lasting era of cooperative development.”



Shri B. K. Goenka
Chairman,
Welspun Group

“ Kutch, undeniably is an ideal destination for industrial investment. This is purely because of it’s world class infrastructure such as roads, ports, rail links, airports and comm-unication amenities and its rich natural resource base . The Kutch region offers conducive social and economic environment with a large reservoir of labour, thus making it a sought out destination for inves-tments. The progressive approach of Local administration and people of Kutch is noteworthy. No wonder Kutch has seen investment of over Ra 1 Lakh Crores during last one decade. Come and invest in Kutch and bring prosperity to the whole region.”



Shri Ravi Sanghi
CMD,
Sanghi Industries Ltd.

“ At, Sanghi Industries Ltd., we are proud to be the torch bearer of the industrial development of Kutch District. Envisioning the potential of Kutch as a Singapore of Gujarat, we established one of the world's largest state-of-the-art Cement plant at Sanghipuram, Abdasa Taluka. The Cement Plant has proved a successful venture. Due to encouragement and pro-active role of administration at District & State Level, we have made further investment and are expanding our present capacity. Kutch is preferred investment destination largely due to largest coastline of the State.”



Shri Chetan Shah
Chairman,
Ashapura Group of Industries

“ Kutch is the fastest growing industrial region in the country due to the synergy of its natural resources and entrepreneurial skill, that are ably backed by infrastructure and government support creating a very positive business environment.”




About
Kutch

Kutch is the largest district of India covering an area of 45,650 sq km. It is situated at the western tip of the Indian sub-continent on the shores of the Arabian Sea. Since the Indus era, Kutch has been a well-known port district by virtue of its long coastline and natural harbours. Tuna, Mundra, Mandvi, Jakhau, and Lakhpat have been some of the prominent ports of the district since early times.

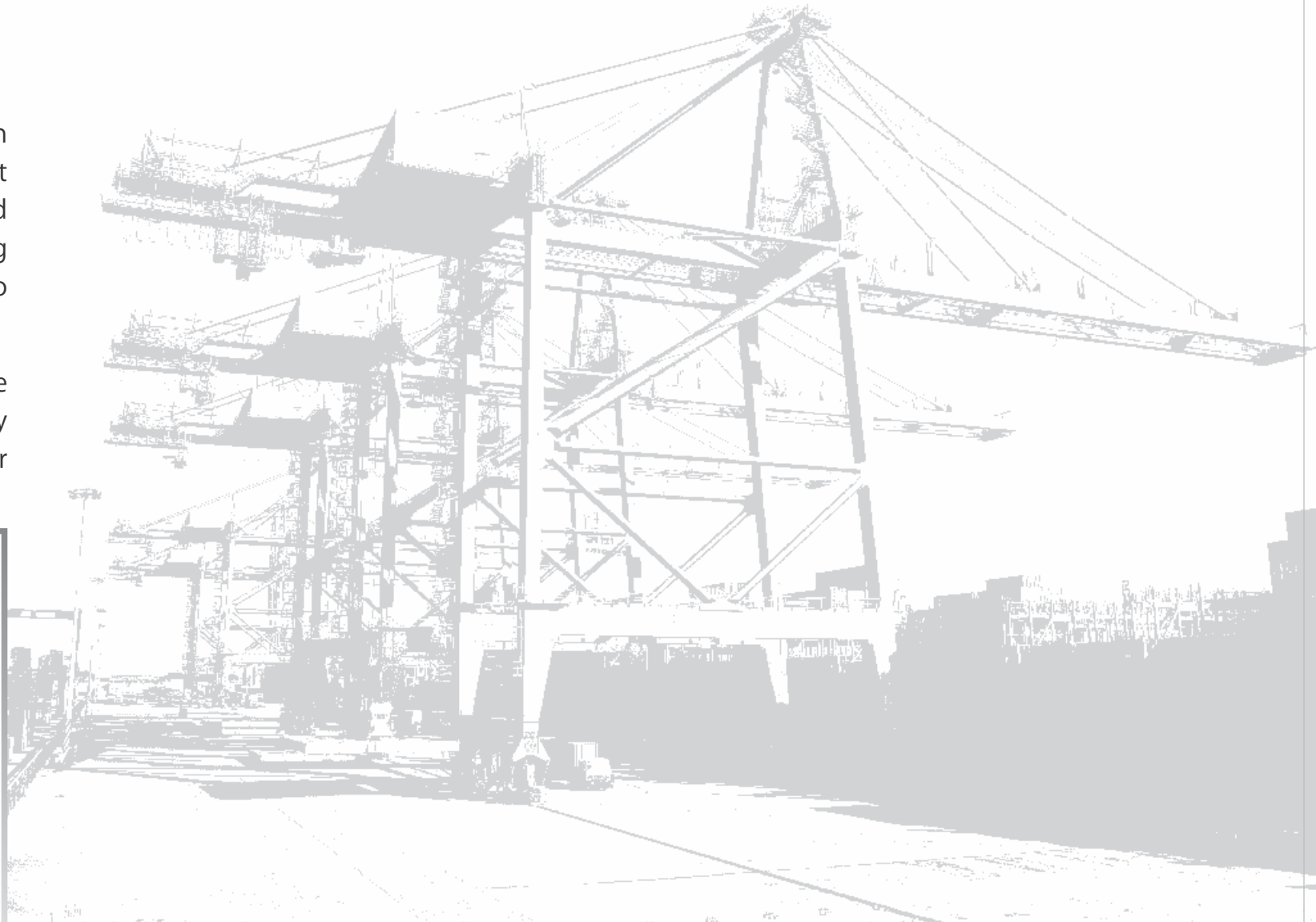
These ports served as points of entry to Western India and had connectivity with East Africa, Malabar Coast and the Persian Gulf.

Until a major earthquake in the year 1819, which changed the course of river Sindh, farming and animal husbandry were also a source of livelihood for the people.

Industrial History of KUTCH

To overcome scarce industrial activities in the district, The Maharao of Kutch had built at his expense, the Kutch State Railway and the first jetty at Kandla port, thus sowing the seeds of the industrial revolution to follow.

In 1965, not just India's, but Asia's first Free Trade zone was inaugurated at Kandla by the then Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.





Handicrafts and embroidery works were major source of livelihood to people in the rural area.

By the year 2001, export based industries, mining activities for bentonite and lignite, Government operated fertilizer plants, marine chemical industries, cement

industries, sea port development activities and ancillary road transport & service industries had come up in the region.

The industries were witnessing a steady upward rise, until the devastating earthquake on 26th January 2001

January 26th 2001, Gujarat will forever remember this day of nature's ire. On this day the earth heaved and left in its wake grieving families, fallen buildings and broken dreams. Towns & villages, which a day before were full of life had been reduced to pile of rubble. The Kutch quake killed more than 15,000 people, injured more than 160,000, caused asset losses of \$ 2.1 billion, destroyed 12,000 schools and 2,000 health

clinics, and left huge numbers homeless and un-employed. People tried to save whatever they could from the debris. Mass migration from the district started.

The devastation ushered in a new dawn. Kutch realized that the black cloud had silver lining. It caught hold of it. Economic rejuvenation and social upliftment began with a bang!

A NEW KUTCH WAS BORN

It rose like the phoenix from the ashes of the old Kutch that was shattered by the quake.

*Source: Information Bureau, Bhuj & Wikipedia

The then Prime Minister **Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee** declared excise exemption for new industries, for economical rehabilitation of the earthquake ravaged district. The state government also echoed the gesture and announced sales tax exemption for the units.

The fiscal incentives proved to be a game

changer for the economic rejuvenation of the district. The module announced by the Central and State Government was there to be emulated by the world. The incentive policy was meticulously implemented under the leadership of the then Chief Minister of the State and the current Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi**.



The fiscal incentives brought a veritable ensemble of industries of every hue and shade. Perhaps Kutch is the only place in the world to have such a wide variety of industries and mind-boggling scales of production within a single district.

The investment prior to the earthquake was merely INR 2,500 crores, whereas today, investment of over INR 1,00,000 crores is functional in the district, and more than double this figure is in the pipeline.

Kutch, an arid and drought prone area, was depended mainly on remittances or Money

Orders from their people who migrated to faraway places in India and abroad for livelihood. The industrialization triggered reverse migration for Kutchis and even other people from almost every state of India also preferred the district for jobs and business opportunities.

Industrialisation has created more than one lac direct and over 3 lacs indirect jobs in the region.

Tax revenue contribution to state and central government from the industries is around INR 25,000 crores*.

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)



Preferred Choice of
an Entrepreneur



Kutch district is world's second largest hub, in terms of capacity, for submerged-arc welding pipe manufacturing.

The district has the second largest textile plant in the world, exporting mainly to western countries.

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)





Kandla and Mundra sea ports together handle more than 30% of the Country's total cargo today.

Kutch is an ideal gateway to Asian, African, American markets as Mundra Port offers shortest land route from any port to vast hinterland of western and northern India.

Mundra port has emerged as India's largest port across all categories. It handles dry, liquid and containerised cargo.

It has deep-dart, 2 single point moorings, 22 berths including three container terminals with a capacity to handle 4 million, 20 feet equivalent units (TEUs) and the capability of berthing the largest container vessels calling at Indian ports.

Kandla port plays a major role in the country's international trade. Having notched up a string of success, it has emerged as a forerunner, and has carved a niche for itself, by its steady growth and economy of operations.

The long-term strategy of tech port will be adequate infrastructure and competitive tariff.

*Source: Kandla Port Trust & Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited



Kutch produces over 28% of total salt produced in the country for industrial and edible consumption. There are around 30 edible-salt refineries, producing free flow iodized salt for reputed brands. Kutch is also home to marine chemicals processing companies.

The statistics of salt in Kutch District is as under

Area Held (Acres) 2013-2014

Recognized Units	142252.69
Unrecognized Units	8860
Total Area	151112.69

Production (M.T.)

Common salt	6165514
Iodized salt	100104
Refined salt	1165463

- No of refineries = 30
- Installed capacity of refineries (M.T.) = 5102700
- Average employed per day in salt industry = 8100

*Source: Assistant Salt Commissioner, Gandhidham



The edible oil refineries in the Kutch district are processing more than 50% of India's total edible oil requirement. Edible oil processing capacity in Kutch is 3.6 million ton per annum.

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)



The District has more than 20 steel plants manufacturing sponge iron, TMT bars, ingots and other steel products.

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)



GMDC, a Gujarat government enterprise, is mining some of the largest lignite reserves.

Mine & Minerals	Stock (Res.) Kutch (M.T.)	Stock (Res.) Gujarat (M.T.)
China Clay	100.68	163
Bauxite	42.41	105
Lignite	324	2139
Gypsum	2.07	3.02
Bentonite	65	105
Limestone	8000	12000

*Source: Geologist office, Bhuj, Kutch





Kutch generates more than 11,000 MW of electrical power of which 1700MW is wind power and 130MW is solar power.

Types of Generation	Installed Capacity in MW	Load Demand of Kutch MW
GSECL	540	
Independent Power Producers	8870	
Captive Power Producers	313.8	497
Wind	1705	
Solar	130	
Total	11558.8	

*Source: GETCO / PGVCL, Kutch

Anjar, Gandhidham, Mundra and Bhachau Talukas of the district, have the only Special Imported Timber Conversion Zone in India. It houses more than 2200 units for wood sawing and processing. There are approx 75 units of ply and veneer manufacturing.



*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA) & Kandla Timber Association



Kutch district also has presence of units for the automobile industry, chemical industries and fast moving consumer goods

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)



Cement plants at the remote, western corner of Kutch, are amongst the largest in the world.

Installed capacity of cement production in Kutch is 10 million ton per annum.

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)



An ideal place
for Industries



The proactive approach by the Honorable Chief Minister, Smt. Anandiben Patel on land revenue related issues will open the doors for acquisition of large portions of land for the upcoming mega projects in Kutch.

Under Collector Office, Kutch is planning to set up **Industrial Promotion Cell**, under which upcoming and interested Industrialist will be provided with information regarding Waste Land, Land Bank, Forest Land, Maps of all Lands, and information regarding connectivity of the proposed land from Mundra Port and Kandla Port through National Highway, State Highway, Railways, Airports etc.

Moreover, in such event, use of Waste Land and Private Land for Industrial purpose, for purchasing such land, transferring agricultural land to non agricultural land their forms, checklist etc will be provided.

Details of Govt. waste Land with availability of more than 80 Hectors (Approx 200 Acres)

Taluka	No. of Govt.Waste Land Location	Total Waste# Land Area(Hec.)
Abadasha	16	5075.35
Anjar	24	11550.49
Bahchau	33	32521.95
Bhuj	72	35307.10
Gandhidham	5	2689.00
Lakhat	96	101536.90
Mandvi	73	40455.88
Mundra	34	10808.16
Nakhtrana	96	91272.37
Rapar	57	59565.33
	506	390782.53

Figures Rounded Off

*Source: District Inspector of Land Records, Bhuj, Kutch



The strengthening of the present rail infrastructure from the sea ports to the hinterlands is underway, to provide better supply chain management for industries.

Rail connectivity would be extended to Vayor to ensure accessibility even to the remotest corners of Kutch. To increase transport capacity, double track rail from Samakhiali to Viramgam, Palanpur and Ajmer has been planned, along with electrification of the rail routes.

*Source: Western Railway, Divisional Office, Ahmedabad



Air connectivity to the district is provided by two airports at Kandla and Bhuj. Kandla airport is to be functional after proposed expansion plan. Mundra and Mandvi are equipped with two airstrips, to facilitate movement of small passenger aircrafts.

*Source: Airport Authority of India, Kutch



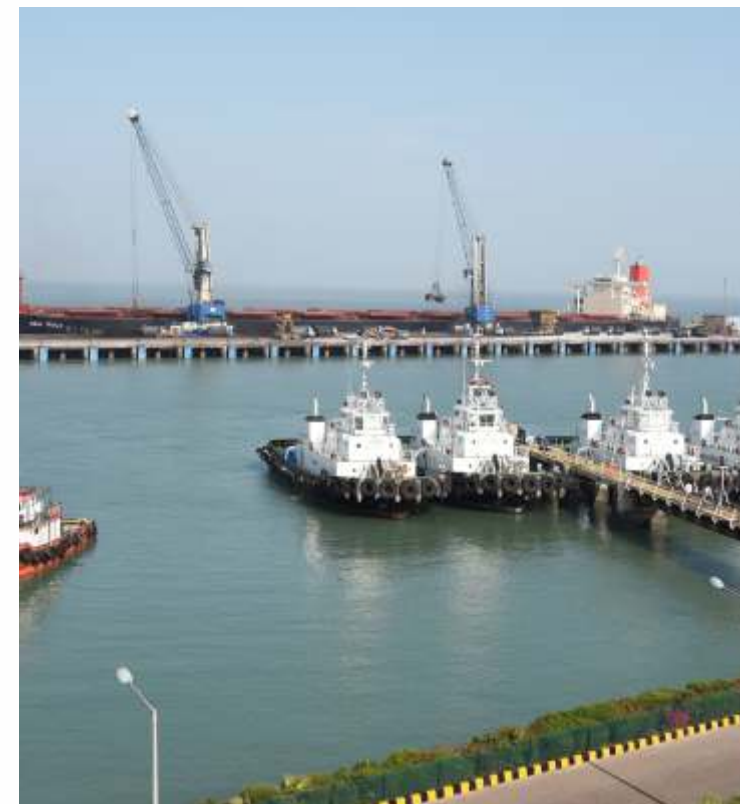
Kutch also has excellent road connectivity with more than 1700 km of national-state highways and around 400 km of roads interlinking the district to ensure that all industrial logistic needs are met. To connect North-west Kutch with North Gujarat and North India, the Ghaduli-Santalpur road is in the project stage.

Type of Road	Area covered
National Highway	434 K.M.
State Highway	1727 K.M.
Dist. Main Roads	814 K.M.
Other Dist. Road	722 K.M.
Village Road	4607 K.M.

*Source: Road and Building Department (State & Panchayat), Kutch

The strategic location of Kandla and Mundra sea ports and the aggressive planning to enhance their infrastructure by investing a further INR 50,000 crores in the coming years will prove to be of significant advantage for import export based industries. Two functional Special Economic Zones at Kandla and Mundra will help in reducing the project implementation time

*Source: Kandla Port Trust & Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited





The water requirement of the industries is being catered through the Narmada pipeline. The laying of further pipelines for additional water is under planning stage. The water harvesting projects and usage of treated sewage water will add to the water sources for the industries



Kutch district is among the world's most suitable sites for wind and solar power generation. Moreover, the infrastructure for evacuation of generated electrical power and ancillary substation construction is excellent and the foresightedness in planning is quite evident.

Kutch generates more than 11,000 MW* of electrical power of which 1700MW* is wind power and 130MW* is solar power. Kutch has very favorable conditions for generation of power using conventional as well as non-conventional sources of energy. Availability of lignite and ease of importing coal make it a highly feasible location for coal-based thermal power plants. Favourable weather, vast and over 300 days of sunlight in a year render Kutch to be ideal for solar power plants. A long coastline readily facilitates setting up of windmill plants.



*Source: GETCO / PGVCL, Kutch



As of 2014, the PNG Grid has reached eastern Kutch and is likely to encircle the entire district, to provide an additional source of energy to the industries



The land is not just rich in mineral deposits, but a considerable area of over 3,39,000* hectares is also available for agriculture. This provides immense possibilities of developing agro based industries in the region.

*Source: District Statistical officer, District Panchayat, Bhuj

In 2015, the 357 km long kutch branch canal, which takes off from the narmada main canal, will extend irrigation potential to over 40,000 hectares. This will be increased by another 72,778 hectares in the year 2016-17 thus hugely benefitting Agriculture.

*Source: Chief Engineer, Kutch Branch Canal, Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited





The land of kutch is a rich storehouse of non-metallic minerals like limestone, china clay, lignite, bauxite, bentonite, gypsum and silica. These are the largest reserves in Gujarat and form a considerable chunk of the total reserves in the Indian subcontinent. It holds huge potential for mineral-based industries, and cement and related industries

*Source: Geologist office, Bhuj, Kutch



The district boasts of about 10,00,000 (ten lacs) dairy cattle, producing 7.00 lacs liters of milk daily out of which 3.25 lacs liters is being purchase by co-oprative dairy every day and generating revenues of INR 500 crore per annum for the milk producers - A clear indication of sizeable opportunities in the milk and dairy sector

*Source: Federation of Kutch Industries Associations (FOKIA)



The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities as per UNESCO & UNO guidelines and proper monitoring by the State Government has helped to build a strong & harmonious bond between the industries and the society.



Kutch offers a rich mix of heritage, history, pilgrimage sites, wildlife such as flamingo colonies, beaches, fairs and festivals, and handicrafts to cater to tourists across a wide spectrum. Kutch offers opportunities for investment in hospitality industries and handicraft trade

Heritage

Aina Mahal (old palace), Prag Mahal(New Palace), Kutch Museum, Cenotaphs Complex(Chhatri of Rao Lakhpatji), Vijay Vilas Palace.

Memorials

War Memorial (Dharamshala), Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Memorial (Mandvi)

Indus Valley Civilisation site at Dholaviara

Pilgrimage Sites

Swaminarayan Temple, Lakhpat Gurudwara, Koteswar, Bhadreswar temple

Wildlife

Wildlife Ass Sanctuary, Chinkara Sanctuary, Narayan Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary and Kutch Bustard Sanctuary

Beach/Resorts

Mandvi Beach

Fairs & Festivals

White Rann of Kutch Desert Festival, Ravechi Fair, Nakhatrana Fair, Dhrang Fair (Sant Mekan Dada)

Handicrafts

Block printing including the intricate 'Ajrakh' printing, terracotta work, lacquered wood furniture, Bandhani, finest silver ornaments and intrinsic metallic work.

*Source: District Industrial Center, Kutch

The true potential of Kutch as a tourist destination has come to light over the past few years owing to the visionary leadership of Shri Narendra Modi and endearing promotion by Shri Amitabh Bachchan.





The district has a population of 20,92,371[#] of which 12,52,319[#] are literates. The district has some of the nation's most renowned educational groups that render quality primary, secondary and higher secondary school education. There are around 12 Post graduate departments and 42 colleges under Shyamji Krishna Verma Kutch University.

*Source: #www.censusindia.gov.in
Shyamji Krishna Verma Kutch University

The industry-academia relation is excellent in the district, resulting in availability of desired manpower for the industries. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in every Taluka and Kaushalya Vardhan Kendras in villages, backed by innovative government policies, has resulted in the fulfillment of required skilled manpower for the industries

Education centers	Number
Primary schools	1686
Secondary schools	260
Higher secondary school	113
Colleges	42
Other	14

*Source: District Education Office, Kutch



To maintain public health, 48 Public Health Centers (PHC) and 12 Community Health Centers (CHCs) have been set up. The district is served by 268 PG doctors.

Medical college	01
Sub. district hospital	02
Community health center referral hospital	12
Primary health centers	48
Sub centers	311
Mobile dispensaries	05
Mobile health units	10
Comprehensive health care units	11
District training center	01
Nursing schools	03

*Source: District Health Office, Bhuj



Kutch provides the perfect environment for cotton processing, edible oil processing, fruits, spices, dates, pulses and food grains.



The sheer pace of industrial development, industry-friendly policies and proactive approach of Gujarat Government, has ensured that Kutch stays a focus of attention for entrepreneurs & businesses that wish to invest in the endless investment possibilities.



GOVERNMENT OFFICES LIST IN KUTCH DISTRICT

NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION	OFFICE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	MOBILE NUMBER
Shri M. S. Patel, IAS	Collector Kachchh	Collector Office, Kutch-Bhuj Email: collector-kut@gujarat.gov.in	02832-250020	02832-250430	9978406213
Shri R. G. Bhalara, IAS	District Development Officer	District Panchayat, Bhuj	02832-250080	02832-250355	9978406238
Shri A. K. Jadeja, IPS	Inspector General of Police	IGP's Office, Border Range, Haripar Road, Bhuj Email: digp-kut@gujarat.gov.in	02832-232335	02832-232335	9978406200
Shri D. N. Patel, IPS	Superintendent of Police (West)	S.P. Office, Bhuj	02832-250444	02832-250427	9978405073
Shri Dipakkumar Meghani, IPS	Superintendent of Police (East)	S.P. Office, Gandhidham	02836-280287	02836-280211	9978405690
Shri D. A. Shah	Resident Additional Collector	Collector Office, Kutch - Bhuj Email: add-collector-kut@gujarat.gov.in	02832-250650	02832-250430	9978405212
Shri I. R. Vala	Deputy District Election Officer	Collector Office, Kutch - Bhuj Email: dydeo.kachchh@gmail.com	02832-220705	02832-224436	9978405275
Smt S. D. Patel - In Charge	District Supply Officer	Collector Office, Kutch - Bhuj Email: dso-kut@gujarat.gov.in	02832-221453	02832-221453	7567021505
Smt S. D. Patel - In Charge	Deputy Collector (M.D.M)	Collector Office, Kutch - Bhuj Email: dcmdm-kut@gujarat.gov.in	02832-223952		7567021505
Shri B. C. Chudasama - In Charge	Deputy Collector (Civil Defense)	Deputy Collector, Civil Defence's Office, Taluka Seva Sadan, Above Mamlatdar Office, Bhuj	02832-230603	02832-230603	9925044835
Shri G. D. Oza	District Planning Officer	Collector Office Compound, Kutch - Bhuj	02832-252302		9824271658
Mr. B. K. Patel	Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax	Block No. 1, 2, 3, Sector-9, Behind Krishna Petrol Pump, Gandhidham	02836-225497	02836-225497	9825613356
Mr. Amit S. Tivari (I/C)	Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax	Room No. 205, Bahumali Bhavan, Bhuj	02832-220952		9925036119
Mr. Amit S. Tivari	Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax	Sales Tax Office, Krushna Bhavan Gandhidham, Near Bus Stand, Opp. Krishna Petrol Pump.	02836-231525		9925036119
Mr. Maheshkumar	Joint Commissioner of Sales Tax	Plot No. 22/A, Sector-8, Near Madhuban Hotel, Gandhidham	02836-23341	02836-231735	
Mr. Devesh Gupta	Deputy Commissioner, Central Excise	Plot No. 16, Sector-10-A, Opp. Iffco Colony, Gandhidham	02836-226392	02836-226391	9909242002
Capt. Sanjay Gehlot	Officer of the Commissioner of Customs	Custom House Kandla, New Custom Building, Nr. Balaji Temple, Kandla	02832-271468 02832-271469	02832-271467	8758690963

PRANT OFFICER & SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Shri Gaurang Makwana, IAS	Assistant Collector & SDM	Prant Office, Nakhtrana	02835-222122	02835-222122	9978405770
Shri R. S. Desai	Deputy Collector & SDM	Prant Office, Bhuj	02832-251007	02832-251007	9978405099
Shri M. P. Pandya	Deputy Collector & SDM	Prant Office, Anjar	02836-243345	02832-251007	9978405069
Shri D. R. Asari	Deputy Collector & SDM	Prant Office, Abdasa	02831-222188	02832-251007	7567008443
Shri J. V. Desai	Deputy Collector & SDM	Prant Office, Mundra	02838-223112	02838-223112	7567008443
Shri R. D. Bhatt	Deputy Collector & SDM	Prant Office, Bhachau	02837-224101	02838-224102	7567008124

MAMLATDAR OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION	OFFICE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	MOBILE NUMBER
Shri B. G. Vaghela	Mamlatdar, Mundra	Mamlatdar Office, Mundra	02838-222127	02838-222127	9925027323
Shri H. G. Patel	Mamlatdar, Mandvi	Mamlatdar Office, Mandvi	02834-222711	02834-222711	9427155660
Shri B. B. Lakhatariya	Mamlatdar, Anjar	Mamlatdar Office, Anjar	02836-242588	02836-242588	9909524962
Shri S. H. Abhani	Mamlatdar, Gandhidham	Mamlatdar Office, Gandhidham	02836-250270	02836-250270	9898003501
Shri K. G. Chaudhari	Mamlatdar, Bhachau	Mamlatdar Office, Bhachau	02837-224026	02837-224026	9727058100
Shri A. H. Shiresiya	Mamlatdar, Rapar	Mamlatdar Office, Rapar	02830-220001	02830-220001	9016439624
Shri N. S. Diya	Mamlatdar, Nakhtrana	Mamlatdar Office, Nakhtrana	02835-222124	02835-222124	9574575360
Shri A. K. Rajgor	Mamlatdar, Lakhpat	Mamlatdar Office, Lakhpat	02839-233341	02839-233341	9925692775
Shri B. R. Sagar	Mamlatdar, Abdasa	Mamlatdar Office, Abdasa	02831-222131	02831-222131	9879600111

TALUKA PANCHAYAT OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Shri B. H. Pampaniya	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Bhuj	02832 - 221711	02832 - 256851	9537944143
Shri J. D. Gadahvi	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Mandvi	02834 - 223079		9428818503
Shri S. A. Chavda	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Abdasa	02831 - 222135	02831 - 222556	9879962187
Shri J. D. Gadhavi	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Nakhtrana	02835 - 222144		9428818503
Shri S. G. Desai	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Mundra	02838 - 222128	02838 - 223231	9879821750
Shri C. D. Damor	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Bhachau	02837 - 223302		9427265170
Shri H. V. Kodawala	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Anjar	02836 - 242595	02836 - 245757	9427064395
Shri M. H. Soni	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Rapar	02830 - 220003		9924278303
Shri C. D. Damor	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Gandhidham	02836 - 280260	02836 - 280236	9427265710
Shri H. B. Makwana	Taluka Development Officer	Taluka Panchayat, Lakhapat	02839 - 233334		7567019396

MUNICIPALITY OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Shri. Paras Makwana	District Municipal Officer	Collector Office, Bhuj-Kutch	02832 - 252715	02832 - 250430	9724305645
Shri J. T. Patel	Chief Municipal Officer	Municipality, Bhuj	02832 - 253805	02832 - 224404	9913141670
Shri Mehul Jodhpura - In Charge	Chief Municipal Officer	Municipality, Bhachau	02837 - 224028	02837 - 223060	9825049312
Shri Mehul Jodhpura	Chief Municipal Officer	Municipality, Rapar	02830 - 220011	02830 - 220161	9825049312
Shri Jigar Patel	Chief Municipal Officer	Municipality, Gandhidham	02836 - 226573	02836 - 233288	8511184600
Shri S. V. Zala	Chief Municipal Officer	Municipality, Anjar	02836 - 242909		9925569999
Shri Sanjay Patel	Chief Municipal Officer	Municipality, Mandvi	02834 - 223010	02834 - 231680	9558819109

FOREST DEPARTMENT OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Shri M. R. Gurjjar	Deputy Conservator of Forests	Expansion of the Forest Division, Bahumali Bhavan, Bhuj	02832-250851		9825603503
Shri B. A. Vyas	Deputy Conservator of Forests	East Forest Division, Opp. G.K. General Hospital, Bhuj	02832-250227	02832-229630	9978406171
Shri P. A. Vihol	Deputy Conservator of Forests	West Forest Division, Arihant Nagar Road, Bhuj	02832-230766		9426721370

AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION	OFFICE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	MOBILE NUMBER
Shri R. S. Desai - In Charge	Chief Executive Officer	Area Development Authority, Opp. Mahiti Bhavan, Bhuj	02832-221734	02832-221734	9978405099
Shri M. P. Pandya - In Charge	Chief Executive Officer	Area Development Authority, Opp.GEB Office, Anjar	02832-245676	02832-245676	9978405069
Shri M. P. Pandya - In Charge	Secretary	Gandhidham Development Authority, Adipur			9978405069
Shri R. D. Bhatt - In Charge	Chief Executive Officer	Area Development Authority, Bhachau			9537983379
Shri R. D. Bhatt - In Charge	Chief Executive Officer	Area Development Authority, Mamltar Office Compound, Rapar	02830-221385	02830-221385	9537983379

LAND RECORDS OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Smt S.D.Patel - In Charge	Superintendent Of Land Records	Superintendent Of Land Records's Office, Survey Bhavan, Mundra Road, Bhuj	02832-230314		7567021505
Shri L.M.Patel	District Inspector of Land Records	District Inspector of Land Records's Office, Survey Bhavan, Mundra Road, Bhuj	02832-230315	02832-230315	9825052456
Shri L.M.Patel - In Charge	City Survey Superintendent	City Survey Office, Bhuj	02832-230316		9825052456
Shri Y.G.Raval	City Survey Superintendent	City Survey Office, Anjar			9427725675

GETCO & PGVCL

Shri H.P.Chauhan	Superintending EngineerTR	GETCO, Near Bus Stand, Anjar	02836-242656	02836-241588	9925210210
Shri K.C.Pandya	Superintending Engineer	PGVCL, Bhuj	02836-253550	02832-250048	9825603183

ROAD & BUILDING'S DIVISION IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Shri S.P.Joshi	Executive Engineer	Road & Building Department State, Bhuj	02832-251450	02832-251450	9824340099
Shri A.D.Makwana	Executive Engineer	Road & Building DepartmentPanchayat, Bhuj	02832-250834	02832-250355	9426930942
Shri D.K.Gopalia	Project Director	National Highway Authority of India, Z-6, Ground Floor, Near Stirling Hospital, Adipur Email: gan@nhai.org	02832-260104		9825580048

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Shri M.N.Patel	District Education Officer	District Education Officer's Office, Bhuj	02832-250156		9909970204
Shri B.C.Solanki	District Primary Education Officer	District Panchayat, Bhuj	02832-221103	02832-252403	9979970404

OTHER OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION	OFFICE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	MOBILE NUMBER
Shri R.K.Vasava	General Manager,DIC	District Industrial Centre, Opp.G.K.General Hospital Road, Bhuj	02832-250501	02832-250501	9904094573
Shri B.D.Jobanputra	District Employment Officer	District Employment Office, Bahumali Bhavan, Bhuj	02832-221758	02832-221758	9428952094
Shri B.C.Chudasama	Regional Transport Officer	RTO's Office, Madhapar Highway, Bhuj	02832-221950	02832-221950	9925044835
Shri A.A.Shekh	District Labour Officer	District Labour Officer's Office, Block No.204, Bahumali Bhavan,Bhuj	02832-220429	02832-220429	9727977314
Shri S.O.Padavi	Executive Engineer	Irrigation Divison Office, Pavan Chakki Compound, Bhuj	02832-220407	02832-220407	9427463339
Shri R.G.Sonkeshariya	Executive Engineer	Irrigation Construction Divison Office, Bhuj	02832-221604		9925027093
Shri A.K.Shrimali - In Charge	Executive Engineer	Salinity Control Division, Block No.107, Bahumali Bhavan, Bhuj	02832-221752	02832-221752	9427036330
Dr.Jigna Upadhyay	Chief DMO & Civil Surgeon	G.K.General Hospital, Bhuj	02832-250150	02832-250150	9727734013
Shri Amit Tivari	Assistant Tax Commissioner	Deputy Tax Commissioner's Office, Gandhidham	02836-231525	02836-231527	9925036119
Shri A.L.Uniyal	Geologist Mines and Minerals	Mines and Minerals Office, Collector Office Compound, Bhuj	02832-223551		8141538090
Shri P.C.Malli	Assistant Director of fisheries	Assistant Director of fisheries's Office, Bhuj	02832-250292	02832-250292	9824216115
Shri J.P.Patel	Town Planner	Town Planning Office, Bahumali Bhavan, Bhuj	02832-250879	02832-250879	9898096291
Shri J.N.Dave	Deputy Director of Information	Deputy Director of Information's Office, Opp.Bahumali Bhavan,Bhuj	02832-224859	02832-224859	9825011708

OTHER OFFICES IN KUTCH DISTRICT

Dr.Pankajkumar Pandey	Chief District Health Officer	District Panchayat,Bhuj	02832-252207	02832-221666	9909949303
Shri Priyadarshi	Regional Officer	Gujarat Pollution Control Board – Regional office, Katira Commercial complex-1, Sanskar Nagar, Bhuj	02832- 250620	02832- 250621	9428217080
Shri Sunil Gupta	Area Manager	Western Railway,Gandhidham	02836-221340		9724093908
Shri K.S.Rathod	Airport Manager	Airport Authority, Bhuj	02832-244147		9824284425
Shri Asitkumar Chakravarti	Airport Director	Kandla Airport, Ta.Gandhidham	02832-257628		9825235079
Smt.Lata Sukla	Devlopment Commissioner,SEZ	Adani Port & SEZ, PUB Building, Forth Floor, Mundra	02838-271013		
Shri Bimal kumar Jha	Secretary	Kandla Port Trust, Ta.Gandhidham	02836-220167	02836-235982	
Shri Niranjan Engineer	Port Officer	Mundra Port, Mundra			9825000614
Capt.Rakesh Mishra	Port Officer	Gujarat Maritime Board,Mandvi	02834-223033	02834-230033	9610254062
Mrs.N.J.Dholkiya	Assistant General Manager	BSNL, Bhuj			9427219944
Shri C.B.Zala	Senior Manager	Gujarat Water Infrastructure Ltd. Sapeda, Ta.Anjar	02836-240977		9978407184
Shri B.S.Vanvi	Manager	Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd, Bhuj	02832-224910		9727723943
Shri A.J.Maru	Regional Manager	GIDC, Bhuj			9879110073
Shri J.P.Mishraji	Assistant Salt Commissioner	Assistant Salt Commissioner's Office, Gandhidham	02836-233670	02836-233670	9408053098

OFFICIAL WEBSITES

Govt. of Gujarat Official Website	http://www.gujaratindia.com
General Administration Department	http://www.gad.gujarat.gov.in
Revenue Department	http://revenuedepartment.gujarat.gov.in
Collector Office, Kachchh	http://collectorkutch.gujarat.gov.in
Education Department	http://gujarat-education.gov.in
Gujarat University	http://www.gujaratuniversity.org.in
Gujarat Secondary Education Board	http://www.gseb.org
Energy & Petrochemical Department	http://guj-epd.gov.in
Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB)	http://www.gseb.com
Gujarat Energy Development Agency	http://www.geda.org.in
Gujarat State Petroleum Cor. Ltd.	http://www.gspcgroup.com
Forests & Environment Department	http://envfor.guj.in/
Forest Department	http://gujaratforest.gov.in
Industries & Mines Department	http://imd-gujarat.gov.in
Gujarat Ind. Dev. Corporation (GIDC)	http://www.gidc.gov.in
Gujarat Infra. Development Board	http://www.gidb.org
Gujarat State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited	http://gujarathandicraft.gswan.gov.in
Industrial Extension Bureau (INDEXTb)	http://www.indextb.com
Vibrant Gujarat	http://www.vibrantgujarat.com

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Labour & Employment Department	
Directorate of Employment & Training	http://www.talimrojgar.org
Narmada & Water Resources Department	http://guj-nwrws.gujarat.gov.in
Gujarat Water Resources Development corporation Ltd.	http://gwrdc.gujarat.gov.in
Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited	http://www.sardarsarovardam.org
Ports and Fisheries Department	
Gujarat Maritime Board	http://www.gmbports.org
Roads & Building Department	http://www.rnbgujarat.org
Gujarat State Highway Project	http://gshp2.gov.in
Gujarat State Road Development Corporation Limited (GSRDC)	http://www.gsrdc.com
Directorate of Employment & Training	http://www.talimrojgar.org
Gujarat State Tourism Corporation (TCGL)	http://www.gujarattourism.com
Other Important Govt. Websites	
Income Tax Department (Gujarat Region)	http://www.incometaxgujarat.com
Gujarat Commercial Tax	commercialtax.gujarat.gov.in
Business Portal of India	http://business.gov.in
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES Development Institute	www.msmediahmedabad.gov.in

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