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## GOVT. OF #GUJARAT HOSTS VIBRANT GUJARAT ROADSHOW IN TOKYO

### Govt hosts 'Vibrant Gujarat Roadshow' in Tokyo

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1 THE INDIAN Embassy hosted the 'Vibrant Gujarat Roadshow' in Tokyo on Monday, with 120 delegates participating from various sectors, including semiconductors, electronics and renewable energy, a statement by the state government said on Wednesday.

Secretary (Science and Technology) Vijay Nehra submitted a presentation at the event, delving into opportunities in Gujarat and the two rapidly emerging economic hubs – GIFT City and Dholera Industrial City, the statement said.

In 2009, Japan had become the first partner country for the Vibrant Gujarat Summit and it has been a partner ever since. The Japan External Trade Organization had also joined as a partner organisation in 2009 and played an instrumental role in promoting Japanese manufacturers to explore business opportunities and invest in Gujarat ever since, the statement added.

The roadshow was followed by one-to-one meetings with 16 potential investors who expressed a keen interest in expanding their operations in Gujarat.

Nehra also held discussions with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.



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## AHMEDABAD-DHOLERA EXPRESSWAY ON FAST TRACK

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The Union transport ministry has expedited the construction of the 109 km long Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway, which is set to connect Ahmedabad with the upcoming Special Investment Region and Dholera Smart City by January 2024.

Source: <https://www.constructionweekonline.in/projects-tenders/ahmedabad-dholera-expressway-on-fast-track>

# DHOLERA SMART CITY

## NO BETTER PLACE THAN GUJARAT FOR WOMEN WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE: MEENAKSHI

### No better place than Gujarat for women who wish to pursue a career in real estate: Meenakshi

**M**eenakshi Khurana, managing director of SmartHomes Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. Real Estate Conglomerate in Dholera Smart City, believes that "behind a successful man there is a woman, and behind a successful woman is a family". A first-generation entrepreneur in her family, Meenakshi has been instrumental in promoting the brand 'Dholera' in the international real estate market as India's "First Greenfield Smart City". Armed with an MBA from Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad, the mother-of-two has been successfully running the real estate business for a decade now and has also received multiple awards for her work and vision in the industry.

The businesswoman, who built a multi-million real estate empire from nought, "aims to grow the SmartHomes Infrastructure into a multi-billion dollar business in Dholera Smart City which has the potential to become a Trillion Dollar Greenfield Smart City over the next couple of decades".

She reveals that she "plans to build 100,000 homes in Dholera Smart City by 2042". Currently, she is developing more than four townships spread across 400 acres with 50+ residential as well as commercial projects. Along with development of multiple projects, SmartHomes is working as the largest land aggregator of land inside town planning, close to Dholera International Airport and Dholera Expressway outside Dholera SIR; so far, she has "successfully aggregated more than 2,000 acres of land in the smart city".

Her workforce is led by women, with 60 per cent female employees working in various departments including sales and marketing, finance and accounts, legal and administration.

"Gujarat is a business-friendly state and safe for women who want to work in the real estate industry. I believe that every woman on this planet should be financially



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independent," says Meenakshi, who "credits Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing a

safe and business-friendly ambience for women who want to build a career in Gujarat". She hopes that one day, all the states in India will be able to achieve the same.

Meenakshi Khurana, Managing Director of Smart Homes Infrastructure, Dholera's Real Estate Conglomerate, shares her experience on working in Dholera Gujarat with Times of India on International Women's Day.



## DHOLERA SMART CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WORK IN FULL SWING

### Dholera airport work in full swing

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**Ahmedabad:** About nine months since the Union cabinet committee approved the Dholera International Airport Project, the runway construction work has finally begun, confirmed sources in the state government. The new greenfield airport, situated 103km from Ahmedabad, will be the second international airport for the city. A joint venture company named Dholera International Airport Company Limited (DIACL), where Airports Authority of India (AAI), GoG and National In-

dustrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) hold equity in the ratio of 51:33:16 respectively, has been formed to execute the project.

The total project cost is estimated to be Rs 1,305 crore and it will be completed within four years. The airport is at an aerial distance of 80km from Ahmedabad.

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Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/dholera-airport-work-in-full-swing/articleshow/98956404.cms>

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## DHOLERA SIR GETS FIRST 5 STAR

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**E-auction for the plot where hotel will come up to be held on June 8**

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**S**oon, one can stay in a five-star hotel in Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR) as the government has decided to assign a massive 12,095 square metre plot for the purpose. The e-auction of the plot will be held on June 8. This would be the first plot allotted for the hospitality industry in the region, which has become a key location for business and urban development.

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“With many national and multinational companies setting up shops in SIR, there was a demand for a good hotel,” the official said.

Source: - <https://ahmedabadmirror.com/dholera-sir-gets-first-5-star/81857163.html>



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## RAIL LINK TO DHOLERA SIR A PRIORITY FOR GOVT

### Rail link to Dholera SIR a priority for govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Gandhinagar:** The Union and the state governments will work to ensure quick rail connectivity for the Dholera special investment region (SIR).



An official statement issued on Tuesday said that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has also assured the state government that it will prioritize construction of the proposed highway to join Ahmedabad to Dholera.

Chief minister **Bhupendra Patel** on Tuesday attended through video-conferencing the second meeting of the apex monitoring authority of the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme held in Delhi. Chief ministers and

#### CM ON DHOLERA SIR

- 600 units will be built under the affordable rental housing model in the activation area
- The process to allot plots to industrial entities has already begun
- Dholera SIR has attracted investments for production of semiconductors, EV batteries, solar cells, and aerospace components



industries ministers of five other states virtually attended the meeting, held in the presence of Union finance and corporate affairs minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union minister of commerce and industry Piyush Goyal.

The National Industrial Corridor Development Programme is the central government's ambitious infrastructure initiative to develop futuristic industrial cities in India.

An official statement said that Patel informed the Union ministers about the progress made so far in the development of Dholera SIR, including the construction of an airport, an expressway connecting Ahmedabad to Dholera and a railway line to connect the region with the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.

The chief minister urged the apex authority to consider including Mandal-Bechraji SIR in the Delhi-Mumbai

Industrial Corridor (DMIC), and also sought necessary approvals for the Ahmedabad-Dholera Semi High-Speed train project, the release said.

Apprising the ministers about the progress made in the development of Dholera SIR, a greenfield industrial smart city near Ahmedabad, Patel said the construction of various facilities in the activation area of the SIR is nearing completion and the process to allot plots to industrial entities has already begun.

Patel said that Dholera SIR has attracted investment for the production of semiconductors, EV batteries, solar cells and aerospace components, the release said.

He said that 600 units will be built under the affordable rental housing model of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in the activation area of the SIR, the release stated.

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**RISE OF WOMEN IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY:  
MEENAKSHI KHURANA AND SMARTHOMES DHOLERA ARE  
BRANDS TO RECKON WITH IN THE REAL ESTATE SECTOR**

## NAME TO RECKON WITH IN REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

**M**eenakshi Khurana, director SmartHomes Infrastructure Dholera, receives the "Women of the Year Award in Real Estate Industry" in Times Power Women, 2023 event conducted by OMS (a Division of Times Internet Limited), based on a research by Avance Insights Pvt. Ltd. for her outstanding Contribution towards the Society.

Meenakshi has taken SmartHomes Dholera to newer heights over a short span of 8 years. Today SmartHomes is one of the biggest real estate conglomerate in Gujarat and is the leading Developer and land aggregator in Dholera smart city.

With her dedication and commitment to develop Dholera Smart City she has set an example for the real estate industry to invest and develop such greenfield projects in India. Such type of development in greenfield smart cities creates opportunities for numerous jobs and such initiatives also boost overall country's economy.

She is committed to create her legacy and build one of the most successful brand in Real Estate by developing Dholera as a Global Industrial Smart City where Fortune 500 companies are now showing interest to start their manufacturing units.

Meenakshi believes that fame is temporary and legacy is permanent. That is why she always has always had her feet on ground and she wants to make sure



her company SmartHomes Infrastructure showcases her commitment and values when building a Smart City ecosystem in Dholera called SmartHomes Dholera.

SmartHomes Infrastructure is one of the leading developers and land aggregators in Dholera SIR and has also garnered Certificate of Recognition in the category for Real Estate Development in India's First Greenfield Smart City- Dholera SIR at the Times Gujarat Icons, 2022, event conducted by OMS (a Division of Times Internet Limited), based on a research by Avance Field and Brand Solutions LLP for its dedicated work in Dholera SIR & surroundings.

Currently the company is developing multiple residential and commercial projects and is aggregating Commercial, Residential and Industrial Land Parcels inside and outside Dholera SIR. Company plans to develop more than 100,000 Residential and Commercial units in Dholera SIR by 2042. So far company has also aggregated more than 5000+ Acres of Land in Dholera Smart City under the management of Meenakshi Khurana.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/rise-of-women-in-the-real-estate-industry-meenakshi-khurana-and-smarthomes-dholera-are-brands-to-reckon-with-in-the-real-estate-sector/articleshow/101213905.cms>



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**વાઈબ્રન્ટ સમિટ બાદ ધોલેરામાં અનેક ઔદ્યોગિક પ્લાન્ટ સ્થપાશે**

## ધોલેરાથી અમદાવાદ એક્સપ્રેસ-વે 2024 અને કાર્ગો એરપોર્ટ 2025માં શરૂ થઈ જશે

**મેટ્રો રેલના બાંધકામ માર્ગ અને ભીમનાથ-  
ધોલેરા ફેટ રેલ લાઈનના પ્રોજેક્ટ રિપોર્ટ મંજૂર**  
નવગુજરાત સમય > ગાંધીનગર

વાઈબ્રન્ટ સમિટ-2024 માટે રાજ્ય સરકાર મોટાપાયે તૈયારી કરી રહી છે ત્યારે સ્માર્ટ સિટી તરીકે વિકસાવાતા ધોલેરામાં આગામી સમયમાં અનેક સુવિધાઓ શરૂ કરાશે. હાલ અનેક નવી કંપનીઓ તેમના ઉદ્યોગ સ્થાપવા આવી રહી છે જ્યારે સમિટ બાદ થનારા એમઓયુમાં નવી કંપનીઓ આવશે તે ગણતરીથી આંતરમાળખાકીય સુવિધાઓ પણ વધારશે. ધોલેરા ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીયલ સ્માર્ટ સિટી માટે અમદાવાદ સુધીના 4 લેન એક્સપ્રેસ-વેનું કામ 2024માં પૂર્ણ કરવાનો લક્ષ્યાંક રખાયો છે. ધોલેરા સરમાં ગ્રીનફિલ્ડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીયલ સ્માર્ટ સિટીના કામોની સમીક્ષા તાજેતરમાં મુખ્યમંત્રી ભૂપેન્દ્ર પટેલ દ્વારા કરાઈ હતી. ધોલેરા ભારતનું પ્રીમિયર પ્લેટિનમ-રેટેડ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીયલ સ્માર્ટ સિટી છે. ધોલેરામાં પ્રાથમિક સુવિધાઓ વધારવા અને કનેક્ટિવિટી વધારવા માટે તંત્રને સૂચના આપી છે. મલ્ટિ-મોડલ ટ્રાન્સપોર્ટ સિસ્ટમ ઊભી કરવાના ભાગરૂપે ધોલેરાનો અમદાવાદ સુધીના 100 કિમીનો 4 લેન એક્સપ્રેસ-વેની

**ધોલેરામાં સ્થપાનારા નવા ઉદ્યોગો-એકમો**

» રિન્યુ પાવર દ્વારા 100 એકરમાં સોલાર મોડ્યુલ સેલ મેન્યુફેક્ચરિંગ પ્લાન્ટ

» ટાટા કેમિકલ્સનો 126 એકરમાં લિથિયમ-આયન બેટરી મેન્યુફેક્ચરિંગ પ્લાન્ટ

» હિન્દુસ્તાન પેટ્રોલિયમ કોર્પ લિમિટેડ દ્વારા ફ્યુઅલ સ્ટેશન અને ઇલેક્ટ્રિક વ્હીકલ ચાર્જિંગ સ્ટેશન

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» ધોલેરા ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એરપોર્ટ નિર્માણાદીન

ચાલતી કામગીરી આગામી વર્ષમાં પૂર્ણ કરી દેવાશે. તે સાથે મેટ્રો રેલના બાંધકામ માર્ગ માટે પણ મંજૂરી મેળવી લેવાઈ છે. ભીમનાથ-ધોલેરા ફેટ રેલ લાઈન માટે ડ્રેઈલ પ્રોજેક્ટ રિપોર્ટ પણ મંજૂર કરાયો છે જે દરિયાઈ બંદરોને જોડશે. તે ઉપરાંત અત્યાધુનિક ધોલેરા ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એરપોર્ટની કામગીરી ચાલી રહી છે જે ડિસેમ્બર 2025 સુધીમાં કાર્ગો અવરજવર માટે તૈયાર થઈ જશે. આ એરપોર્ટ પૂર્ણ સ્વરૂપે કાર્યરત થયા બાદ વાર્ષિક 3,00,000 મુસાફરો અને 20,000 ટનથી વધુ કાર્ગોનું સંચાલન કરશે.

- 1) Dholera Express Highway will be opened in 2024 and airport in 2025.
- 2) Presently a 100-acre solar module manufacturing plant by RENEW power.
- 3) Battery Plant in 126-acre lithium-ion by Tata Chemical.
- 4) Fuel stations and electric vehicle charging stations by Hindustan Petroleum.
- 5) 4400 MW solar park spread over 8500 hectares.
- 6) Dholera International Airport is under construction.



# DHOLERA SMART CITY

## CM REVIEWS WORK AT DHOLERA SIR

### CM reviews work at Dholera SIR

**C**hief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Thursday visited Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR) near here to review infrastructure works and other projects under construction at this greenfield initiative, an official said.

State-of-the-art infrastructure is being rapidly developed here in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making Dholera a world-class smart industrial city, said a release. "The Chief Minister was informed that more than 95 per cent of the work of Phase-I has been completed and now Dholera is ready to open new opportunities for investment through the global ecosystem," said the release.

Dholera SIR covers 22 villages of Dholera taluka of Ahmedabad district and an area of 920 square kilometers, and the smart city will help in creating huge skilled and semi-skilled employment opportunities with facilities like a 72 kilometre internal road network with dedicated underground service corridor and 150 MLD water supply, it said.

The CM was also informed in the meeting that Dholera is also suitable for new age sectors like semiconductor, display and green hydrogen. **AM**



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**95% PROJECT WORK OF PHASE 1 IN  
DHOLERA SIR COMPLETE**



**અમદાવાદ બોટાદ ભાસ્કર 15-12-2023**

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## મુખ્યમંત્રી ભૂપેન્દ્રભાઈ પટેલે સ્થળ મુલાકાત લઈ કામગીરીની પ્રગતિની સમીક્ષા કરી ધોલેરા 'સર'માં ફેઝ-1નું 95 ટકા પ્રોજેક્ટ કાર્ય પૂર્ણ

ભાસ્કર ન્યૂઝ | ધોલેરા

ગુજરાતના વિકાસ નકશામાં સિમાચિહ્ન બની રહેનારા ધોલેરા સ્પેશિયલ ઇન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ રિજનનું પ્રથમ તબક્કાનું 95 ટકાથી વધુ પ્રોજેક્ટ કામ પૂર્ણ થઈ ગયું છે અને હવે ગ્લોબલ ઇકોસિસ્ટમ દ્વારા રોકાણ માટેની નવી તક ઉપલબ્ધ કરવા ધોલેરા સજ્જ થયું હોવાનો વિશ્વાસ મુખ્યમંત્રી ભૂપેન્દ્રભાઈ પટેલે વ્યક્ત કર્યો હતો. તેમણે ગુરુવારે સવારે આ ધોલેરા SIAની સ્થળ મુલાકાત લઈને ફેઝ-1ના 22.54 કિલોમીટરના એક્ટિવેશન એરિયામાં હાથ ધરાઈ રહેલી કામગીરીનું સ્થળ નિરીક્ષણ કર્યું હતું.

અત્રે ઉલ્લેખનીય છે કે, ધોલેરા 'સર'માં અમદાવાદ જિલ્લાના



ધોલેરા તાલુકાના 22 ગામોને અને 920 ચો.કિમીના વિસ્તારને આવરી લેવાયા છે.

આ પ્રસંગે તેમણે કહ્યું હતું કે, આ પ્રાપ્તિને નરેન્દ્રભાઈ મોદીએ વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્રભાઈ મોદીએ ધોલેરાને વર્લ્ડક્લાસ સ્માર્ટ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીયલ ડેવલપમેન્ટનું મોડલ બનાવવાનું જે વિઝન વિકસાવ્યું

છે તેને અનુરૂપ સ્ટેટ ઓફ ધ આર્ટ ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર અહીં ઝડપથી વિકસાવાઈ રહ્યું છે. આ વેલ પ્લાન્ડ સિટીમાં વર્લ્ડ ક્લાસ કોર ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર ઉપલબ્ધ છે. ડેડીકેટેડ ઍન્ડર ગ્રાઉન્ડ સર્વિસ કોરીડોર સાથે 72 કિલોમીટરનું મજબૂત ઇન્ટર્નલ રોડ નેટવર્ક,

150 MLD પાણી પુરવઠો જેવી સગવડ સાથે સ્કિલ્ડ અને સેમી સ્કીલ્ડ મળી વિશાળ રોજગારીની તકો ઊભી કરવામાં પણ આ સ્માર્ટિસિટી મદદરૂપ બનશે.

આ બેઠકમાં પ્રસ્તુત થયેલા પ્રેઝન્ટેશન અને ચર્ચા દરમિયાન જણાવવામાં આવ્યું કે, ધોલેરા અતિ આધુનિક ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર અને વિશાળ લેન્ડ પાર્સલ સાથે ડિકેન્સ એન્ડ એરોસ્પેસ, એન્જિનિયરિંગ, ઓટો એન્ડ ઓટો એન્સિલરીઝ, ફાર્માસ્યુટિકલ, એગ્રો એન્ડ ફૂડ પ્રોસેસિંગ, રેન્યુએબલ એનર્જી તથા આઈ.ટી. અને ઈલેક્ટ્રોનિક્સ સેક્ટરના ઉદ્યોગો માટે પણ સાનુકૂળ લોકેશન છે.

મુખ્યમંત્રીએ સેમીકંડક્ટર અને ડિસ્કલે ફેસેલિટીઝ તથા ગ્રીન હાઈડ્રોજન જેવા નવા ક્ષેત્રોના

ઉદ્યોગો માટે પણ ધોલેરામાં રહેલી વિપુલ સંભાવનાઓ અંગેની જાણકારી મેળવી હતી. ધોલેરા વેસ્ટર્ન ડેડીકેટેડ ફેટ કોરિડોરના ક્લસ્ટર વિકાસ માટે પણ મહત્વપૂર્ણ બન્યું છે અને નેશનલ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીયલ કોરિડોર ડેવલપમેન્ટ કોર્પોરેશન આ પ્રોજેક્ટ સાકાર કરવામાં ઇનિશિયેટીવ લઈ રહ્યું છે, તેની પણ વિગતો મુખ્યમંત્રી સમક્ષ રજૂ કરવામાં આવી હતી. ધોલેરા ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીયલ સ્માર્ટ સિટી ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર સેક્ટરમાં નેક્સ્ટ જનરેશન ટેકનોલોજી ડેવલપમેન્ટ દ્વારા સસ્ટેનેબલ ડેવલપમેન્ટને પ્રેરિત કરવામાં મહત્વનું યોગદાન આપશે તેમ પણ ભૂપેન્દ્રભાઈ પટેલની ધોલેરા પ્રોજેક્ટની સ્થળ મુલાકાત દરમિયાન તેમને જણાવવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

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