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It is a pleasure to bring you another edition of our newsletter, reflecting the steady progress and growing momentum at Dholera Special Investment Region.

The recent period has been marked by encouraging developments across infrastructure, connectivity, and investment. With key projects progressing and new opportunities taking shape, Dholera continues to evolve as a strategic destination for advanced manufacturing and future-ready industries.

The continued visits and interactions with national and international stakeholders have also been a strong testament to the growing interest in Dholera. These engagements provide an opportunity to showcase the region's capabilities while fostering meaningful partnerships that can contribute to its long-term growth.

As we move forward, our focus remains on building an integrated ecosystem that combines robust infrastructure, ease of doing business and sustainability. Every milestone brings us closer to our vision of establishing Dholera as a globally competitive industrial destination.

I extend my appreciation to all our stakeholders and partners for their continued support and contribution to this journey. I look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to build Dholera for the future.

Warm Regards,
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Gujarat Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi Reviews Smart City Infrastructure and Tata Semiconductor Plant at Dholera SIR

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Harsh Sanghavi visited Dholera SIR in the month of June '26, along with senior officials from the Government of Gujarat to review the rapidly advancing industrial and social infrastructure developments shaping India's first Greenfield smart industrial city.



During the visit, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister undertook a comprehensive review of the upcoming social infrastructure facilities being developed to support the city's growing industrial ecosystem and future workforce. The visit covered key sites including the upcoming multi-speciality hospital, school, fire station, tent city, guest house, food court, as well as residential and commercial developments. Respective stakeholders engaged in detailed discussions, highlighting the progress achieved, development timelines, and the integrated urban amenities being planned within the region.



The review reflected Dholera's larger vision of developing not merely an industrial hub, but a holistic and future-ready urban ecosystem. With large-scale investments and industries taking shape in the region, the parallel development of social and urban infrastructure is expected to play a critical role in supporting businesses, professionals, and future residents of the city.







As part of the visit, the delegation also visited the upcoming semiconductor fabrication facility being developed by Tata Electronics at Dholera. Detailed discussions were held with Tata officials regarding the progress of the project, ongoing construction activities, and the broader semiconductor ecosystem being established in the region.

The visit underscored the strategic importance of Dholera in India's semiconductor manufacturing ambitions and its emergence as a key destination for high-technology investments. With world-class trunk infrastructure, robust connectivity, and integrated urban planning being complemented by social amenities and next-generation industrial developments, Dholera continues to strengthen its position as a globally competitive investment destination.

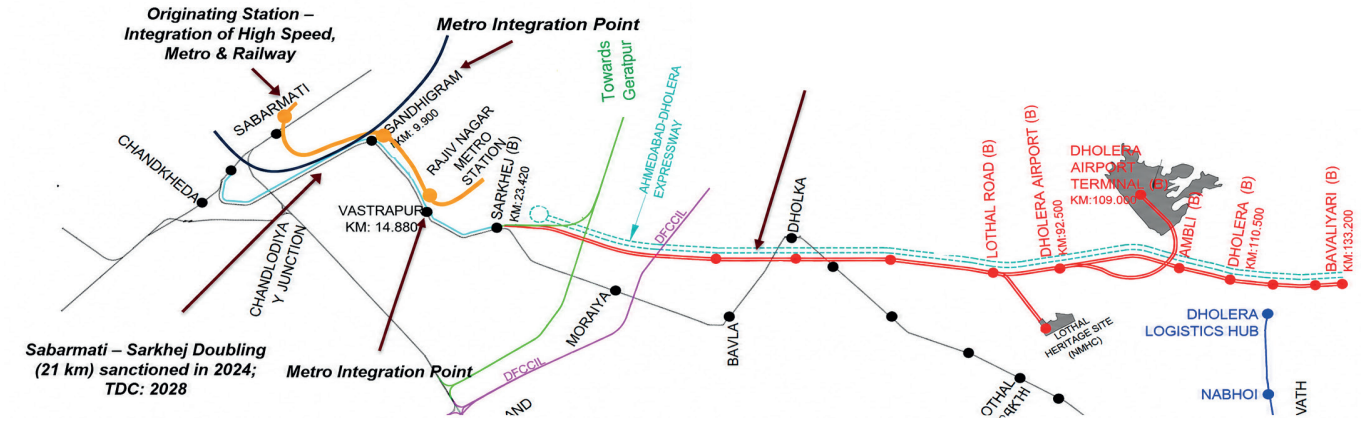
Cabinet approves Ahmedabad Dholera Semi High Speed Rail Line

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Government of India's approval for India's first semi high speed rail line connecting Ahmedabad and Dholera adds significance to the robust connectivity network of Dholera SIR. At an estimated cost of ₹20,667 crore, the project in alignment with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, is India's first semi high-speed rail project planned with indigenously developed technology which will focus on multi modal connectivity, logistics efficiency and integrated planning.

Planned in parallel alignment to the Ahmedabad Dholera expressway, the rail line will provide faster connectivity between Ahmedabad, Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR), the upcoming Dholera International Airport and the Lothal National Maritime Heritage Complex.



The 134 km long rail corridor, proposed to be built using indigenously developed technology, is designed for an operational speed of 220km/h, reducing the travel time from Sabarmati and Sarkhej areas of Ahmedabad to Dholera down to roughly 48 mins and 34 mins respectively. The improved rail connectivity is expected to support comfortable daily commuting and same-day return journeys between Ahmedabad and Dholera.



A range of transformative connectivity projects is further strengthening Dholera's growth, including the Ahmedabad–Dholera Greenfield Expressway, the upcoming Dholera International Airport, and the Bhimnath–Dholera Freight Rail Line. Together, these developments are enhancing regional, national, and global connectivity while strengthening Dholera's attractiveness as an investment destination.

PROJECT COST

₹ 20,667
crore (estimated)

LENGTH OF CORRIDOR

134 km
long rail corridor

DESIGN SPEED

220 km/h
operational speed

TRAVEL TIME

48 mins
Sabarmati to Dholera

These milestones collectively reflect Dholera's evolution from a greenfield development into a future-ready industrial smart city and position it as one of India's most significant manufacturing and technology hubs for the coming decades.

A Defining Milestone: Dholera International Airport welcomes its First Calibration Flight

A defining milestone in the development of Dholera International Airport was recorded on 4th June 2026, when an Airports Authority of India (AAI) calibration aircraft, VT-CNS, successfully touched down on the airport's runway. The first aircraft landing at the under-construction greenfield airport marked a significant step forward in testing and validating its airside infrastructure and brought the project another step closer to operational readiness.





The calibration flight was conducted as part of the airport's operational testing procedures. The aircraft was received with a traditional water-cannon salute by fire tenders, marking the occasion as an important milestone in the journey of Dholera International Airport.

The momentum continued with a high-level review of the airport on 14th July 2026, led by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, in the presence of Civil Aviation Secretary Shri Samir Kumar Sinha, senior officials from the Government of Gujarat, aviation personnel and representatives of Dholera International Airport Company Limited (DIACL).

The visit provided an opportunity to assess the progress of the project on ground and review the readiness of its critical infrastructure. With approximately 80% of the overall construction work completed, the airport has entered a decisive phase of development.





The airport's core infrastructure has witnessed substantial progress, with the 3.2-km runway, parallel taxiway, cargo terminal and ATC tower achieving 100% completion. The state-of-the-art passenger terminal, spread across 25,300 sq. m., is currently under construction and is designed to handle up to 20 lakh passengers annually. Complementing the passenger infrastructure, a dedicated 3,500 sq. m. cargo complex is being developed to support the movement of goods and cater to the requirements of Dholera's emerging industrial ecosystem.

Connectivity remains central to the development of Dholera International Airport. A dedicated 7-km access road is being developed to provide a direct connection between the airport and the Ahmedabad–Dholera Expressway, strengthening seamless road connectivity to the airport and integrating it with Dholera's wider transportation network.





The airport is also planned to connect with the semi high-speed rail corridor, with the proposed high-speed rail station positioned adjacent to the airport terminal. Together, these road and rail linkages are envisioned to create an integrated multimodal connectivity network, facilitating the movement of passengers, businesses and cargo.

As Dholera advances as a manufacturing and investment destination—with its industrial, semiconductor, urban and logistics infrastructure developing in parallel—the airport is expected to provide a crucial gateway for the movement of people and goods.

With the project progressing through its final stages and the necessary regulatory and licensing processes underway, operations at Dholera International Airport are expected to commence by the end of 2026.

Dholera to Host India's First Compound Semiconductor GaN Fab & ATMP Facility for Mini/Micro-LED Ecosystem

Strengthening the semiconductor landscape taking shaping at Dholera SIR, the recent cabinet approval of Crystal Matrix's project under the Compound Semiconductor Scheme of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) marks another significant step towards establishing Dholera as a leading semiconductor hub.



With an investment of ₹ 3,068 crore, the project will strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing capabilities in compound semiconductors and advanced display technologies like Mini/Micro-LED and GaN.

The facility will produce Mini/Micro-LED display panels and GaN epitaxy wafers, with an annual capacity of 24,000 sets (each) of RGB GaN wafers and 72,000 sq. m of Mini/Micro-LED display panels. The project is expected to generate more than 1,600 direct jobs, marking another step towards a resilient and self-reliant semiconductor ecosystem.

AREA ALLOTTED

40
ACRES
in Dholera SIR

PRODUCT FOCUS

Mini/Micro-LED Display Panels

GaN Epitaxy Wafers

JOB CREATION

1,600+
DIRECT JOBS
Building a skilled workforce for a self-reliant ecosystem

Green Cover taking shape at Dholera SIR

As Dholera continues to take shape as a future-ready industrial and urban destination, efforts towards creating a greener and more sustainable environment are progressing alongside its infrastructure development. As part of these initiatives, a unique Drum Plantation drive was undertaken in Dholera, adding another dimension to the region's evolving green landscape.

At Dholera SIR, a pilot project involving the plantation of approximately 3,200 trees representing 15 different species was successfully undertaken using the innovative drum plantation technique, and following its success, the initiative was further scaled up through a larger plantation drive across the region. The initiative was funded by the Dholera Special Investment Regional Development Authority (DSIRDA) and implemented by the Ahmedabad Social Forestry Division of the Gujarat Forest Department.

Initiated in August 2025, the plantation adopts a controlled growing environment that enables trees to establish and thrive while supporting the development of green cover across the region. The technique involves planting saplings in specially prepared drums containing a carefully selected growing medium comprising soil, sand, vermicompost, stubble and cocopeat. A drip irrigation system further supports efficient water management and plant growth.

The initiative has demonstrated encouraging results, with several trees reaching heights of up to 12 feet within less than a year. The plantation has also begun contributing to a more diverse ecological environment, with the growing green cover attracting birds and pollinators to the area.

The plantation comprises a diverse range of species, including Pilu, Kesudo, Shimalo, Paras Piplo, Banyan, Peepal, Peltophorum, Desi Baval, Karanj, Arjun, Goras Ambli, Neem, Gundi and Tamarind.





The drum plantation initiative also received a visit from the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Gujarat for Forest & Environment , Climate Change and Science & Technology, Shri Arjun Modhwadia who reviewed the plantation site and appreciated the innovative approach adopted to expand green cover within Dholera SIR.





As Dholera progresses as a major destination for manufacturing, investment and urban development, initiatives such as these complement its infrastructure-led growth by strengthening the region's green landscape. The Drum Plantation initiative reflects a broader approach to integrating sustainability and environmental stewardship into the development of a future-ready Dholera.

Further strengthening the initiative was a tree plantation drive undertaken during World Environment Day across Dholera SIR with active participation from DICDL officials, stakeholders, contractors and the Project Management Consultants (PMC).

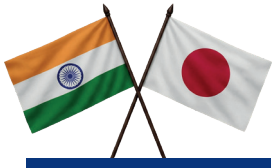
Approximately 1,106 saplings of indigenous and climate-resilient species were planted at designated locations, contributing to enhanced green cover and supporting the long-term ecological sustainability of the developing region. The initiative also included the placement of mature potted plants at strategic indoor, semi-outdoor and outdoor locations within the DICDL Administrative Complex.





The plantation initiative also saw the participation of the Regional Officer, Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), who joined the tree plantation activity at a designated green space within Dholera SIR and visited the drum plantation site.

India–Japan Engagement at Dholera: Strengthening Semiconductor & Investment Ties



The India–Japan partnership is opening new avenues for collaboration across technology, advanced manufacturing, infrastructure and investment. As semiconductors emerge as a strategic priority for both nations, Dholera SIR is gaining prominence as a destination for next-generation industrial development. A series of visits by Japanese diplomatic and institutional stakeholders reflects the growing interest in Dholera's evolving semiconductor ecosystem, integrated infrastructure and investment potential.

India and Japan share a longstanding strategic partnership, with cooperation spanning trade, technology, infrastructure, manufacturing and investment. The semiconductor sector, in particular, has emerged as a significant avenue for collaboration, reflecting the shared ambition to foster technological capabilities, encourage investment and strengthen participation in the global technology ecosystem. Against this backdrop, Dholera SIR is emerging as an important focal point for India's expanding semiconductor and advanced manufacturing landscape. Its planned semiconductor ecosystem, supported by integrated industrial infrastructure and a range of social and business amenities, is attracting growing attention from Japanese diplomatic, financial and institutional stakeholders.

The visits undertaken in the recent months offered an opportunity to present Dholera's development trajectory, infrastructure preparedness and investment potential, while providing visiting delegations with a closer understanding of the ecosystem being developed to support next-generation industries.





H.E. Ms. Nagma Mallick, Ambassador of India to Japan, visited Dholera SIR in May'26 to gain insights into the region's development and the semiconductor ecosystem taking shape within the region. The visit underscored the growing strategic convergence between India and Japan in advanced manufacturing and semiconductor development.





A 30 + member delegation led by Mr. Toru Endo, Chief Representative, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), visited Dholera SIR in June '26 in collaboration with JETRO Ahmedabad. The visit enabled the delegation to gain first-hand insights into the region's development, integrated infrastructure and emerging semiconductor ecosystem.





Mr. Ramkumar C., Consul General of India in Fukuoka, Japan, visited Dholera SIR in July '26 to gain an overview of the region's development progress and emerging investment opportunities. The visit provided an opportunity to understand Dholera's evolving industrial landscape and its growing relevance for advanced manufacturing.

Dholera SIR Witnesses Key Visits, Reinforcing Its Emerging Industrial Significance

Dholera SIR continues to witness steady momentum in its development journey, with growing focus on strengthening its industrial, urban, environmental and social infrastructure. The continued engagement of the State's leadership reflects the importance accorded to advancing Dholera's development across these key dimensions.



As part of the Pragati Path Yatra, Hon'ble Minister for Energy & Petrochemicals, Panchayat & Rural Housing and Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Rushikesh Patel visited Dholera SIR to review the ongoing development activities and take stock of the progress of key infrastructure initiatives. The visit highlighted the continued emphasis on creating a robust ecosystem that supports industrial growth while ensuring the development of modern urban and social infrastructure.

The visit also underscored Dholera's evolving role as a future-ready destination, supported by planned infrastructure, strategic connectivity and a development approach focused on sustainable and integrated growth. The continued progress across various infrastructure initiatives reflects the region's growing importance within Gujarat's industrial development landscape.



Adding further momentum to Dholera's development journey, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Gujarat for Forest & Environment , Climate Change and Science & Technology, Shri Arjun Modhwadia, visited Dholera SIR, including the premises of the upcoming Tata Semiconductor Fab. The visit highlighted the significance of the semiconductor project and its potential contribution towards strengthening Dholera's position as an emerging destination for advanced manufacturing and semiconductor-related industries.

The development of the semiconductor ecosystem represents an important milestone in Dholera's transition towards a high-technology industrial destination. With increasing interest in advanced manufacturing and future-oriented industries, the region is positioned to play an important role in supporting India's ambitions in emerging technology sectors.

The visits by the Hon'ble Ministers reaffirm the importance of Dholera SIR as a strategic development destination and reflect the continued focus on infrastructure, sustainable growth and industrial advancement.

Engagements & Momentum

As Dholera SIR progresses towards becoming a major hub for technology-intensive manufacturing, its integrated development model is gaining wider recognition. Recent visits from dignitaries and delegations from Odisha, Taiwan and Australia provided an opportunity to showcase Dholera's Plug-and-Play infrastructure, industrial readiness and emerging semiconductor ecosystem, while offering a closer look at the development approach being adopted to support next-generation industries.

Dr. Mukesh Mahaling, Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Government of Odisha, visited Dholera SIR in August '26, accompanied by a state delegation, to gain insights into Dholera's distinctive development paradigm and investment proposition, including a visit to the upcoming Tata Semiconductor Fab.









The delegation experienced Dholera's Plug-and-Play industrial infrastructure and integrated planning framework, and also visited the upcoming Tata Semiconductor Fab, where they received an overview of the project's vision and development plan and witnessed the progress of the under-construction facility. The engagement offered valuable perspectives on Dholera's development blueprint and emerging semiconductor ecosystem, with the delegation exploring its potential as a reference model for accelerating industrial transformation and strengthening Odisha's high-value manufacturing landscape.

Mr. Ninad Deshpande, Director General, India Taipei Association, visited Dholera SIR in July '26 to gain an understanding of the region's development trajectory and growing prominence in advanced manufacturing.



The engagement provided an overview of Dholera SIR's Plug-and-Play infrastructure, industrial readiness and investment potential, with particular focus on its emerging semiconductor manufacturing capabilities. The presence of Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC) as a technology partner for the upcoming Tata Semiconductor Fab further underscores the growing India–Taiwan interface in the semiconductor sector, highlighting Dholera's potential as a platform for deeper collaboration in advanced manufacturing and semiconductor technologies.

Mr. Yann Sinclair, Vice Consul, Australian Consulate-General in Mumbai, visited Dholera SIR in June '26 to gain insights into the region's high-technology manufacturing landscape and its expanding role in India's semiconductor ambitions.





During the visit, he toured the Activation Area and received an overview of the upcoming Tata Semiconductor Fab and the advanced manufacturing ecosystem being established at Dholera. Discussions also explored strategic avenues for India–Australia collaboration in the semiconductor sector, highlighting the potential for deeper engagement in technology-intensive industries and strengthening bilateral economic cooperation.

Media Coverage



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IN DHOLERA-SIR, DRUMS SUPPORT A GREEN EXPERIMENT

A lush green patch of trees in the semi-arid and saline landscape of the Dholera Special Investment Region (Dholera-SIR) stands out like an oasis in the emerging semiconductor hub. In the saline coastal belt of Ahmedabad district, an experiment of drum plantation has emerged as an example of ecological innovation.

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DHOLERA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN THREE MONTHS: UNION CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu announced that Gujarat's Dholera International Airport, currently 80% complete, will open within three months. The unique multimodal hub will feature specialized hangars for India's new C-295 military transport aircraft.

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ધોલેરા SIR અને GIFT સિટીમાં રોકાણ કરવા આમંત્રણ; સાન ફ્રાન્સિસ્કોમાં ભારતીય સમુદાય દ્વારા ભવ્ય સન્માન

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AHMEDABAD-DHOLERA EXPRESSWAY TO BE EXTENDED TO BHAVNAGAR, SET TO CUT TRAVEL TIME TO 2 HOURS

The Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway will be extended to Bhavnagar, with construction beginning within three months. Reviewed by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, the project will cut travel time between the two cities from four hours to two.

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DHOLERA SET TO BE WORLD'S LARGEST DATA CENTRE CITY: GUJARAT DYCM HARSH SANGHAV

Gujarat plans to develop Dholera into the world's largest data centre and GCC hub. Exceeding the 7.5GW policy target, this digital ecosystem will focus on AI and cloud computing, supported by upcoming airport and rail connectivity.

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FROM CODE TO CHIPS: HOW GUJARAT'S DHOLERA BECOMES THE NEW FACE OF INDIA'S SILICON REVOLUTION

India's semiconductor ambitions are turning into reality, with Gujarat's Dholera emerging as its chip capital. Driven by government incentives, global partnerships, and Tata's flagship fab project, the country is building an advanced high-tech manufacturing ecosystem.

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THE AHMEDABAD-DHOLERA RAIL CORRIDOR PROMISES 220 KMPH SPEEDS AT UNDER HALF THE DELHI-MEERUT RRTS COST

Approved at ₹20,667 crore, Gujarat's 134-km Sarkhej-Dholera line will be India's first broad-gauge semi high-speed corridor. Capable of 220 kmph, it provides faster connectivity at substantially lower per-kilometre construction costs than the Delhi-Meerut RRTS.

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CABINET APPROVES INDIAN RAILWAYS' FIRST SEMI HIGH-SPEED PROJECT BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND DHOLERA

he Cabinet approved the ₹20,667 crore, 134-km Ahmedabad-Dholera semi high-speed rail project. Completing by 2030-31, India's first indigenous corridor will slash travel times, enhance regional connectivity, and spur economic growth across 284 villages

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