

GUJARAT STATEHOOD DAY

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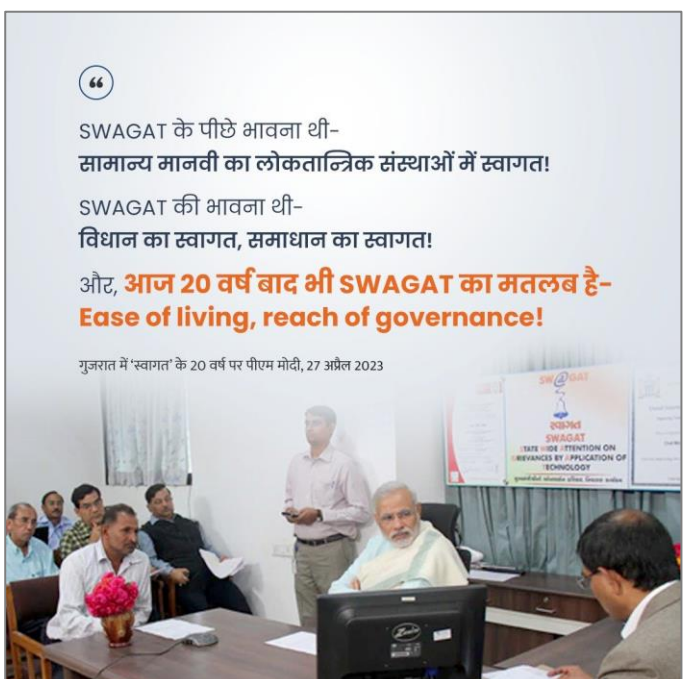
“Gujarat should lead the country in achieving the standards of Industry 4.0, as the state has the capability and temperament to do so.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

Gujarat, situated on the western coast of India, is one of the most prosperous and progressive Indian states. It came into existence in 1960 when it was separated from the State of Bombay. It is spread over an area of 1,96,024 square km and has a population of 64 million.¹

Gujarat, the [land of legends](#), is one of the most diverse states in India. Its history dates back to the age-old Harappa civilization. It is the home state of Mahatma Gandhi, the **“Father of the Nation”**. Gujarat’s endless journey from roots to wings is timeless with historical and cultural traditions glorifying the State. Gujarat is strategically located with India’s longest coastline of 1,600 km and acts as a natural gateway to the rich land-locked northern and central hinterland. Gujarat is renowned for its beaches, temples towns, historic capitals, wildlife sanctuaries, hill resorts, sculptures, handicrafts, arts and festivals.²

The state took its name from the **“Gujjars”** who ruled the area during the 700’s and 800’s. Stone Age settlements around Sabarmati and Mahi rivers indicate the same time as that of the Indus Valley Civilization while Harappan centres are also found at Lothal, Rampur, Amri and other places.³



¹ <https://sciencecity.gujarat.gov.in/>

² <https://gujaratindia.gov.in/about-gujarat/gujarat-tourism.htm>

³ <https://cmogujarat.gov.in/en/history/>

The British East India Company set its first footsteps in Surat in 1818 and the State came in control of their rule. After the Independence in 1947, all of Gujarat except Saurashtra and Kutchh became part of Bombay State until May 1, 1960, when the Government split Bombay State into the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat.⁴

Demography⁵

- On May 1, 1960, Gujarat was created out of 17 northern districts of the former state of Bombay.
- The state currently has [33 districts](#).
- Bounded by the Arabian Sea to the west and south west and by Pakistan in the North.
- It has States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh towards the northeast and east, Maharashtra and the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Nagar Haveli, towards the south.
- Population of approximately 6.04 Crore (4.99% of Indian Population)⁶ and literacy rate of the state is 79.3%.
- Gandhinagar, the capital city of Gujarat is located close to Ahmadabad, the commercial capital.
- Diverse climatic conditions with mild and pleasant winters and hot and dry summers and heavy monsoon.
- Surat in Gujarat ranks second in the category of cleanest city for Swachh Survekshan Award 2022.



MAJOR CITIES

Ahmedabad

Vadodara

Surat

Rajkot

Bhuj

Junagadh

Jamnagar



PORTS

Kandla • Mandvi

Mundra • Sikka

Okha • Porbandar

Veraval • Bhavnagar

Salaya • Pipavav

Mahuva • Jafraabad

Hazira



MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Textiles

Chemicals & Petrochemicals

Plastics

Pharmaceuticals

Engineering

Cements

Gems & Jewelry

⁴ <https://cmogujarat.gov.in/en/history/>

⁵ [Gujarat State Portal | State Profile | Demography \(gujaratindia.gov.in\)](#)

⁶ [Bud-Eng_1096_2022-3-3_683.pdf \(gujarat.gov.in\)](#) (page no-13)

Fair & Festivals of Glorious Gujarat

1. **Navratri Festivals**: Navratri, meaning 'nine nights', is one of the most popular and widely celebrated Hindu festivals in many parts of India. Gujarat, however, is the only state that erupts into a nine-night dance festival, perhaps the longest in the world. Each night, all over the state, villages and cities alike, people gather in open spaces to celebrate feminine divinity, referred to as Shakti.



2. **Dang Darbar**: Dang Darbar honours the tradition of rulers and other heads of villages gathering for durbars during the British rule over India. The tradition continues today in the Dangs, a tribal dominated district, as many of the former Rajas and Naiks are still accorded status unlike the princely families whose title and privy purses were abolished.



3. **Ran Utsav**: This three to four day carnival organized at the various locales within Kutch takes one around the natural grandiose while introducing the visitor to the indigenous cultural and ethnical flavor of the people. The colourful fairs around Kutch is an ideal occasion to be part of the region and experience the zeal and uniqueness of the people through a celebration of life.



4. **Kite Festival**: The festival of “Uttarayan” is a uniquely Gujarati phenomenon, when the skies over most cities of the state fill with kites from before dawn until well after dark. The festival marks the days in the Hindu calendar when winter begins turning to summer, known as ‘Makar Sankranti’ or ‘Uttarayan’.



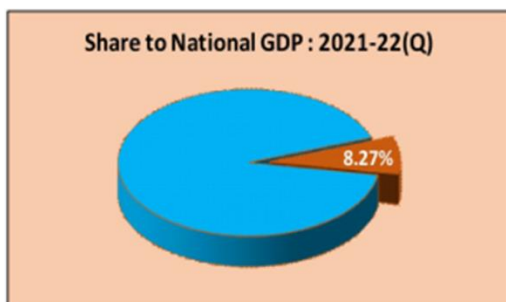
5. **Kavant Fair**: The Rathva Festival at Kavant is harvest festival and is the link between man and nature celebrated since time immemorial. It is a gathering of the Rathva community from as far off as Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. It usually begins on the third day after Holi.



6. **Madhavpur Ghed Fair**: Ghed Fair is a manifestation of India's cultural richness. The Government of Gujarat in association with the Ministry of Culture organizes this fair every year to celebrate the sacred union of Lord Krishna and Rukmini. This week-long ‘Utsav’ (Fair) showcases the vibrant cultural trail of art, dance, music, poetry, storytelling and folk drama from Gujarat and other NorthEastern States with the aim to promote national unity.

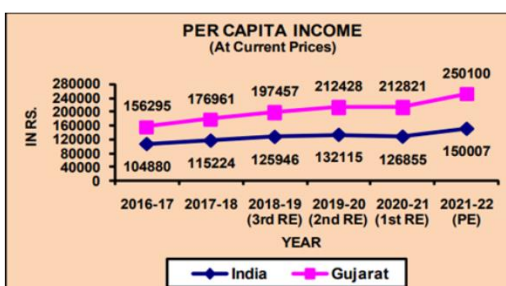


Key Economic Indicators of Gujarat⁷



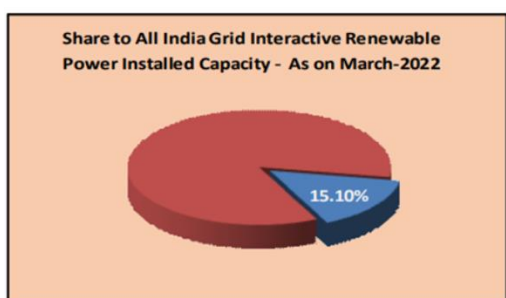
GSDP Share

With only 5% population share, Gujarat accounts for 8.27 percent share to national GDP.



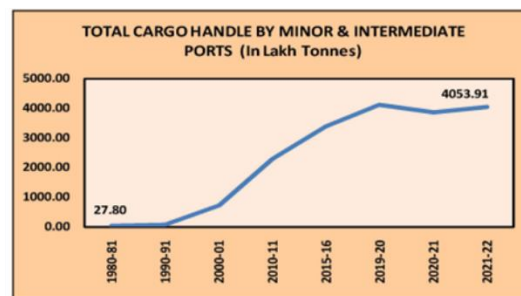
Per Capita Income

The Per Capita Income at Nominal NSDP has been estimated at Rs. 2,50,100 in 2021-22 as against Rs. 2,12,821 in 2020-21, showing an increase of 17.5 percent during the year.



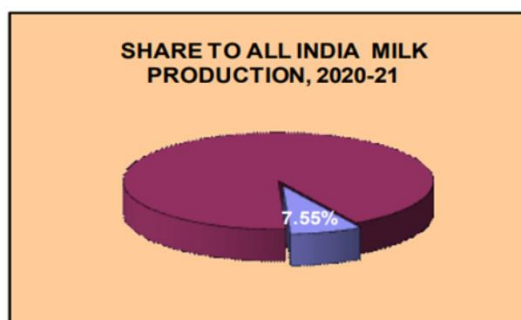
Renewable Energy

Gujarat has been a leading state on the front of harnessing Renewable Energy Sources (RES) with its 15.10 per cent share in Country's total Renewable Power Installed Capacity as on March, 2022.



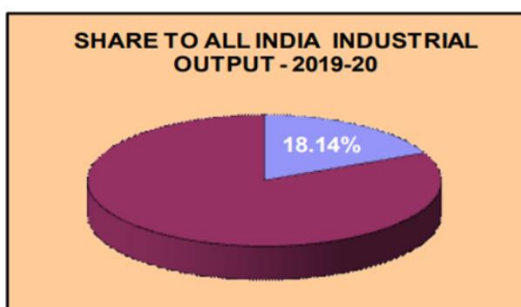
Global Gateway

Gujarat is a leader state in exports with more than 30 percent share to India's aggregate exports. In which, the ports are most important contributors. The cargo handled by minor & intermediate ports in Gujarat has notably increased from 27.80 lakh tonnes in 1980-81 to 4053.91 lakh tons in 2021-22.



Milk Production

Gujarat is 4th largest state in milk production in India. 7.55% of milk production of the country is from Gujarat in the year 2020-21.



Industrial Output

Gujarat enjoys the status of industrially developed state of India with its 18.14 per cent share to Country's industrial output, the largest among the states of India in the year 2019-20.

⁷ https://financedepartment.gujarat.gov.in/Documents/Bud-Eng_1229_2023-2-24_268.pdf

Gujarat's Remarkable Position at National Level⁸

Good Governance Index	Gujarat has been ranked first for two consecutive years
Gujarat's share in total export of the country	During the year 2021-22, Gujarat is at 1st rank with a share of 32.78% in the total exports of the country. Gujarat's exports in 2021-22 are Rs.945796.45 crore.
Export Preparedness Index 2021	Gujarat ranked first with a score of 78.86 attracted Foreign Direct Capital of Rs.228833 crore (US\$ 30660 million).
State Food Safety Index 2021-22	Among the large 20 States, Gujarat ranked 2nd with 77.5 score in the year 2021-22.
Start-up Ranking of States	As per DPIIT ranking, Gujarat ranked 1st in providing strong ecosystem for startups. Gujarat emerged as the Best Performer in a category of States in Start-up Ranking of States - 2021.
State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) (Round-I) 2022	Gujarat ranked 1st in the larger States category in State Energy & Climate Index (SECI) (Round-I) with the score of 50.1 in the year 2022.
Ease of Doing Business: Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2020	Gujarat comes in Top Achievers Category in Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2020.
Largest State in cargo handled by ports	Gujarat is 1st largest State in cargo handled by ports among the States of India with share of 40.41% in the year 2020-21.
Cash Crop Production	Gujarat has 81.67% share in Castor production, and 40.35% in Groundnut production to all India obtaining 1st rank. With 20.46% share in cotton production having 2nd position among the all the States of India in the year 2020-21.
Largest State Wool production	Gujarat is 4th largest State Wool production in the India with contribution of 5.42% of Wool production of the country is from Gujarat in the year 2020-21.
Installed Capacity of Power	Gujarat ranked 2nd among the States of India with Installed Capacity of 42208 MW Power as on 31st March, 2022.

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Prominent Sectors in Gujarat

Education⁹

Gujarat reached the pinnacle of achievement and has emerged as an education hub by establishing various leading educational institutions like

[Children's University](#), Teachers University, [Raksha Shakti University](#), [Law University](#), [Pandit Deendayal Energy University](#), [Kamadhenu University](#) etc.



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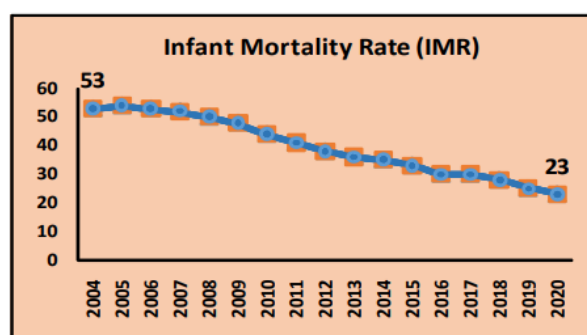
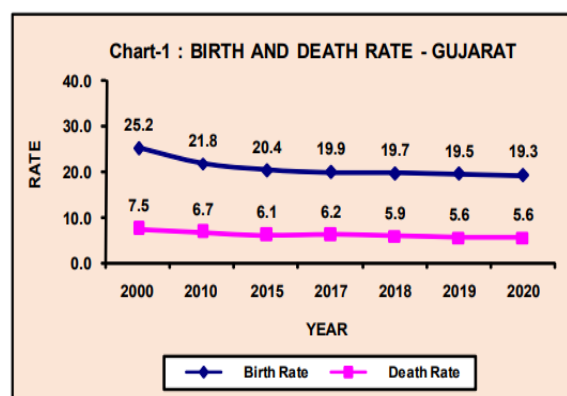
The Prime Minister Narendra Modi, dedicated a building of Rashtriya Raksha University to the nation and delivered its first Convocation address at Ahmedabad.¹⁰

The top 30 medical colleges of the country are in Gujarat and in that about 5700 medical seats are available. "Mission School of Excellence" is the largest social sector project ever undertaken with Gujarat being the only state in the country to be funded by World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

Health¹¹

The health infrastructure and services are being constantly improved and enhanced to increase access, availability and affordability of health care and medical treatment in the state.

- The birth rate has declined from 24.9 (2001) to 19.3 (SRS 2020).
- The death rate has decreased from 7.8 (2001) to 5.6 (SRS 2020).
- Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has come down from 60 (2001) to 23 (SRS 2020).
- Gujarat State is in the forefront of establishing and maintaining good health infrastructure at various levels. During the year 2022-23 (upto November-2022), 370 Community Health Centers, 1499 Primary Health Centers and 9231 Sub Health Centers are functional in the State.



⁹ https://financedepartment.gujarat.gov.in/Documents/Bud-Eng_1096_2022-3-3_683.pdf

¹⁰ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1805315>

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Tourism

The glorious Gujarat is home to many ancient city ruins, palaces, forts and tomb, which stands proudly bearing testimony to the **golden era of dynasties**. Gujarat's past is a part of its current terrains, evidenced by the ancient and historical ruins scattered across the country. In Gujarat, one can see the massive forts, charming **havelis**, stunning **stepwells** and many other **historical sites** that showcase some of the relics of the land.

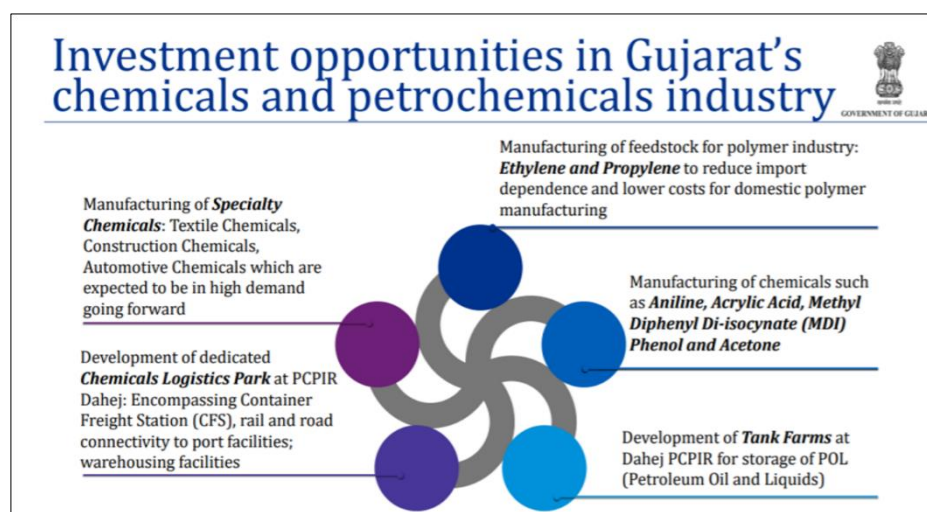
UNESCO has included [Dholavira of Kutch](#) in the list of World Heritage Sites in 2021, giving Gujarat the opportunity to shine once again on the World Heritage Map being a state with four World Heritage Sites. [Ahmadabad](#) has got the **first status of India's World Heritage City** by [UNESCO](#) in year 2017¹². '[Rani ki Vav](#)' has been listed in as one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites since 2014. [Champaner & Pavagadh Archeological Park](#) is also listed in UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.

Port Development¹³

Gujarat's maritime sector is considered to be the most developed among the States of India in the matter of non-major ports. The total cargo handled by the Intermediate and Minor Ports was 4053.91 lakh tonne in the year 2021-22. Whereas during the year 2022-23 (upto November2022) the total cargo handled by NonMajor Ports is 2746.33 lakh tonne.

Gujarat is the nearest maritime outlet to Middle East, Africa and Europe with highest number of commercial cargo ports.

Industrial Investment



Gujarat is one of the highly industrialized states in India with its reputation of being a highly investor friendly state.

It is a preferred destination for foreign and domestic investors.¹⁴ Gujarat offers a model for Economic Progress and Development for the developing nations.

¹² <https://ddnews.gov.in/national/ahmedabad-gets-status-indias-first-world-heritage-city-unesco>

¹³ https://financedepartment.gujarat.gov.in/Documents/Bud-Eng_1229_2023-2-24_268.pdf

¹⁴ <https://gujaratindia.gov.in/business/investment-destination.htm>

Its significant contribution to Indian Economy has made India visible to a competitive market in spite of the downturn in World Economy.

The Vibrant Gujarat Investor's Summit has turned Gujarat as Investors' Paradise. From 2003 to 2019, total 104872 projects have been filed for MoU and Investment Intentions. As on 31st October-2022, out of total registered projects by 2019 summit, 71323 projects are completed and 3080 projects are under commissioned stage.¹⁵

Micro, Small and Medium Units: In Gujarat, upto September - 2006, 312732 numbers of units were registered as a Small Scale Industry (SSI) units having investment up to Rs.1crore in plant and machinery. From the year 2006 to September-2015, 376357 numbers of units are registered as MSME units under **MSMED Act 2006.**"

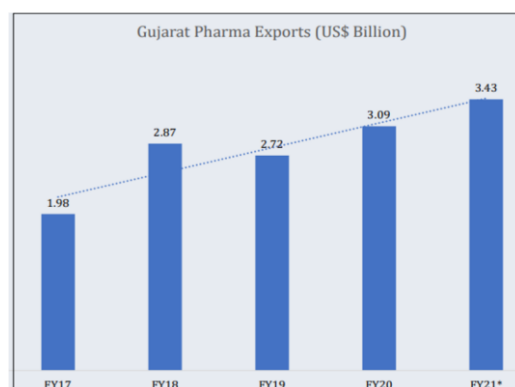
After implementation of "Udyog Aadhar Memorandum (UAM) upto the June, 2020 there were total 865826 units registered. With the Notification no.5/2(1)/2020-P&G/Policy, dated 17/07/2020 of Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, "Udyog Aadhar memorandum (UAM)" is replaced with "Udyam registration certificate (udyamregistration.gov.in). Under which upto 29th November, 2022, total 959424 units have been registered.¹⁶

Kutch district of Gujarat has the largest cement plants in the world today. Kutch is second in the world regarding welding pipe manufacturing.¹⁷

Textile¹⁸: Gujarat is known as the "**Manchester of the East and Denim City**". Gujarat's 6% of total Industrial Production comes from textile industry. It is the largest producer (35%) and exporter (60%) of cotton and is the **third largest denim producer in the world**. It offers India's 12% textile exports. Kutch region, Patan, Ahmedabad, Surendranagar, Surat, Jamnagar, Wadhwan, Bharuch and Udva are main textile and embroidery centres of Gujarat. Pithora painting, Ajrakh Block printing, Kharad Weaving, Bandhani (Tie & Dye), Ahir Embroidery, Suf Embroidery, Rogan Painting, Aari Embroidery, Tangaliya Weaving, Patola Weaving are the famous embroideries and textile printing of the state.¹⁹ World's second largest textile plant is in Kutch. Asia's first SEZ came up in Kutch.

Pharmaceutical Sector: Gujarat accounts to one third share in India's Pharmaceutical Market and for 19.5% of India's Pharmaceutical export in FY 2020-21. 53% of India's total registered medical device manufacturers have presence in Gujarat.²⁰

Gujarat is the hub of Pharmaceutical Industry, the most developed and cost competitive sector with over 3245



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manufacturing licenses and 42% of India's pharmaceutical turnover and 22 % of India's exports.²¹

Chemicals and Petrochemicals²²: Gujarat is India's petro capital State with 30% of Petrochemicals, 50% Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals business. Ranking on top in Marine Production, Fisheries and Ports, the state is manufacturing India's 90% soda ash, 70% salt and 20% caustic soda. Petroleum, chemicals and Petroleum Investment Region (PCPIR) had been set up at Dahej.

Gems and Jewellery²³: Gems and Jewellery Business in Gujarat is the fastest growing sectors in the country. Supported by Policy Initiatives by the Government, in addition to cutting and polishing of Diamonds, processing and jewellery design has also gained prominence. Handmade, traditional and modern designs with skilled labour, Gujarat has the distinction of second largest producer of Gold Jewellery with 85% contributing share to national jewellery production. Gujarat contributes 80% to Diamond Exports.

Recent Developments in Gujarat

- In March 2023, Union Minister of Civil Aviation & Steel, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated a direct flight between Ahmedabad and Gatwick.²⁴
- In 2013-14, Ahmedabad was connected to only 20 destinations and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the last 9 years the connectivity has increased to 57 destinations. In last 9 years, the weekly air traffic movement from Ahmedabad has increased from 980 per week to 2036 per week, increase by 128%.
- Railway engine factory is being constructed in Dahod, Gujarat with an investment of 20 thousand crores, which is going to be a huge hub of semiconductors in the near future.²⁵
- In October 2022, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of projects worth over Rs 8000 crores in Tharad, Banaskantha in Gujarat. These projects will help in irrigation facilities to more than six districts of Gujarat including Banaskantha, Patan and Mehsana.²⁶
- Prime Minister laid Foundation Stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine, Jamnagar, Gujarat on 19th April, 2022.²⁷



²¹ <https://ifp.gujarat.gov.in/DIGIGOV/index.jsp>

²² [Investor Facilitation Portal \(gujarat.gov.in\)](https://ifp.gujarat.gov.in/DIGIGOV/index.jsp)

²³ <https://ifp.gujarat.gov.in/DIGIGOV/index.jsp>

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²⁷ https://twitter.com/MIB_India/status/1516365494885912580

Achievement of Major Central Sector/Sponsored Schemes²⁸

- **Minimum Support Price:** The Minimum Support Price Policy covers major crops of the state such as Bajra, Sorghum, Maize, Paddy, Cotton, Tur, Mung, Urad, Groundnut, Sesame, Wheat, Gram, Mustard and Sugarcane. In the year of 2021-22, total 6.73 lakh MT of Groundnut, Urad, Tur, Gram and Cotton having value of Rs.3576.79 crore is procured at MSP during Kharif and Rabi season, from which 3.43 lakh farmers benefited under the scheme.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi Yojana:** Under this scheme a total of Rs.12009.00 crore in 11 installments has been directly deposited in the bank account of the beneficiaries in 2021-22.
- **UJALA Yojana:** As on April 30, 2023, total 4.14 crore LED bulbs have been distributed in Gujarat.²⁹
- **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana:** As on January 30, 2023, 38.44 lakh deposit free LPG connections have been provided.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kusum Yojana (Component-B) :** This scheme has been implemented from the year 2020-21. Under this scheme, Standalone Off-grid Solar Pump is provided to farmers for irrigation purpose where grid supply is not available. During the year 2021-22, 353 solar pumps have been installed at a cost of Rs. 312.50 lakh. While, during the year 2022-23 (upto November2022), 365 solar pumps have been installed at a cost of Rs. 951.85 lakh.
- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - Mukhyamantri Amrutam (PMJAY-MA Yojana):** Under this scheme, 5.57 lakh beneficiary claims were registered in the year 2021-22 of the amount of Rs.1568.28 crore.
- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matrutva Abhiyan:** During the year 2021- 22, upto November2021, 108326 pregnant women were examined, out of which 12275 high risk mothers were identified during the campaign.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):** During the year 2021-22 (upto December 22, 2021), Rs. 13.04 crore have been paid to 66,144 beneficiaries through PFMS.
- **‘Jal Jeevan Mission’ Scheme:** As on May 1, 2022, 91 lakh (100%) households and 29, 713 (99%) schools are provided with tap water connections.³⁰
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana:** During the year 2015-16 to 2021-22, out of the total 752805 approved houses, the works of total 459512 units have been completed, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). Further, as on May 1, 2023, out of 5.85 lakh houses sanctioned, 4.06 lakh houses are completed in Gujarat³¹, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural).

²⁸ https://financedepartment.gujarat.gov.in/Documents/Bud-Eng_1229_2023-2-24_268.pdf

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