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From the MD's Desk



It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of our newsletter - a new window into the dynamic journey of Dholera Special Investment Region.

As India's first greenfield smart industrial city and emerging Semicon hub, Dholera is rapidly evolving from vision to reality. In these pages, you will find a snapshot of the momentum we've built - from groundbreaking industrial developments and robust infrastructure milestones, to landmark policy support and global partnerships.

The launch of this newsletter marks our commitment to keeping our stakeholders informed and engaged. We will share key developments, insights, and stories from the ground that reflect Dholera's progress and promise.

I invite you to be a part of this transformation, and I thank you for your continued interest and trust in Dholera SIR.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kuldeep Arya".

Dr. Kuldeep Arya, IAS
Managing Director
Dholera Industrial City Development Limited





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India's Premier Smart-City Destination

Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR), Gujarat, is India's most ambitious greenfield smart city project, envisioned to become a global hub for manufacturing, innovation and urban living. Spread across 920 sq. km, Dholera SIR is designed with world-class infrastructure, smart governance and sustainable development at its core.



At the forefront of this development is the 22.5 sq. km Activation Area, a fast-track zone where state-of-the-art infrastructure is already operational, enabling early investments and industrial activity. The region offers plug-and-play infrastructure - with ready access to roads, power, water, ICT and underground utilities - allowing industries to set up swiftly and efficiently.

Dholera is equipped with robust utility facilities including a water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant and power substations with availability of dual DISCOMs. The ABCD Building (Administrative and Business Centre of Dholera) serves as the command-and-control hub, housing key administrative functions and providing investor facilitation services. The City Integrated Operations Centre (CIOC) ensures real-time monitoring of city operations, strengthening Dholera's smart governance and service delivery.

The region is already home to operational facilities like ReNew Energy's solar cell and module manufacturing facility, and the upcoming semiconductor fabrication facility by TEPL, underscoring its commitment to clean energy and advanced technology.

With large contiguous land parcels - among the largest available in India - Dholera SIR is perfectly positioned to host mega projects in sectors such as semiconductors, electronics and their ecosystem partners.

A dedicated land use master plan lays out zones for industrial development, high-access corridors, residential neighbourhoods, tourism and social infrastructure, ensuring integrated and sustainable growth.

Looking ahead, Dholera SIR's future focus includes attracting global and domestic investments, scaling up manufacturing capabilities, expanding its semiconductor ecosystem, enhancing connectivity through road, rail and air, developing world-class social infrastructure, and establishing a vibrant and sustainable city.



Connecting Dholera to the World

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Strategic Infrastructure Driving Seamless Movement

Located at a distance of 109 km from Ahmedabad, Dholera SIR is strategically connected with major cities of Gujarat.

Multi-modal connectivity is one of the cornerstones of Dholera SIR's development plan, and with several connectivity developments already underway, Dholera SIR is all set to provide seamless connectivity.

The greenfield **Dholera International Airport**, situated at a distance of 25 km from ABCD Building and Activation Area, will greatly enhance global connectivity. Along with serving as the second international airport for Ahmedabad, Dholera International Airport is designed to support both passenger and cargo movement, thereby attracting international businesses and boosting regional trade.

The airport will feature runway, a fire station, terminal building, ATC block, cargo complex in Phase-I. With substantial progress made, the airport will be ready to handle cargo operations from Q2 of FY 25-26 and passenger services by early 2026.



Airport

25 kms - Dholera International Airport (under construction)

117 Kms - Ahmedabad International Airport

140 Kms - Vadodara Airport

60 Kms - Bhavnagar Airport

Rendered image of the upcoming Dholera International Airport.



Under construction cargo complex at Dholera International Airport.



Under construction runway of Dholera International Airport.



Connecting Dholera to the World

A 109 km long **Ahmedabad–Dholera Expressway** is being implemented, which will be a greenfield four-lane access-controlled expressway between Ahmedabad and Dholera.

The current distance from Ahmedabad to Dholera is about 109 km, with a travel time of 2 hr 15 min. With the expressway, the distance up to Dholera from SP Ring Road, Ahmedabad will be 83 km, with a travel time of 1 hour, thus reducing the travel time by approx 50% and thereby also reducing overall travel time between Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar. As the expressway nears completion, it is slated to be operational by Q2 of FY 25-26.



Road /\\

Ahmedabad - Dholera Expressway is under construction

Currently, Connected to Ahmedabad through NH 751 & 47

120 Kms - Delhi Mumbai Expressway

The **Bhimnath-Dholera Freight Rail Line**, a 24.4 km broad-gauge line, is currently in progress from the existing Western Railway station of Bhimnath on the Ahmedabad-Botad Broad Gauge Line, that would connect Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR) to facilitate logistics movement of DSIR industries, further integrating it into national and global supply chains.

These connectivity projects are designed to make Dholera SIR a well-integrated logistics hub, reducing transportation costs and lead times for companies while improving access to global markets.

Rail

Proposed Freight Connectivity

Passenger rail connectivity from Ahmedabad being planned

100 Kms - DFC Connect at Sanand:



Anchoring India's Semicon Future

Tata-PSMC fab takes shape at Dholera SIR

Positioned as India's first "Semicon City", Dholera SIR is set to mark a significant milestone in India's semiconductor journey with the upcoming semiconductor fabrication plant by Tata Electronics in collaboration with Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp. (PSMC) of Taiwan. With a planned investment of Rs. 91,000 crore, this state-of-the-art facility will be one of India's first commercial fabs, with a capacity of 50,000 wafers per month employing multiple technology nodes, viz. 110nm, 90nm, 55nm, 40nm, and 28nm.

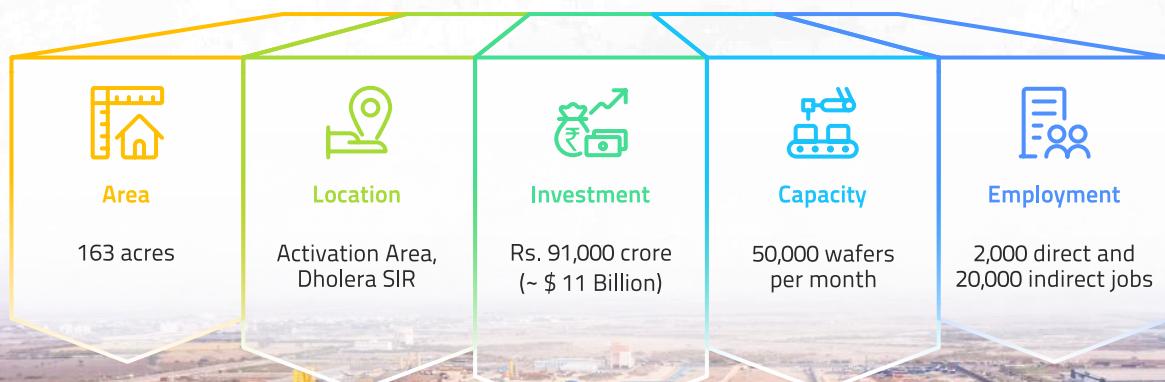
The semiconductor fab project is initially spread across a span of 163 acres, with provisions for future expansion in subsequent phases. The fab will generate about 2,000 direct jobs and over 20,000 indirect jobs, including those within the ecosystem, once operational.

The fab will cater to the domestic and global semiconductor markets, targeting products for applications in mobile, automotive, communication, consumer, data storage, industrial, etc.

With construction work in progress, Dholera SIR stands committed to extending the necessary infrastructure readiness to support the upcoming fabrication facility. This project is not only a major step for Gujarat and Dholera but also for India's broader ambition to become a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing.



Foundation stone laying ceremony of India's first semiconductor fab of TEPL at Dholera SIR by Hon'ble PM, Shri Narendra Modi.



Dholera at Gujarat Semiconnect 2025

Taking the Centre Stage in Gujarat's Semiconductor Push



The second edition of Gujarat Semiconnect was held at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre in Gandhinagar from 5 to 8 March 2025. Dholera SIR marked a significant presence at the event, reinforcing its position as India's leading hub for semiconductor and electronics manufacturing.

The four-day event, with its focus on semiconductor innovation, saw participation from over 1,500 delegates from various countries. During the inaugural ceremony, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel virtually laid the foundation stone for key social infrastructure projects in Dholera, including a 200-bed multispecialty hospital, an integrated school, and a state-of-the-art fire station—highlighting the city's commitment to holistic urban development.

In the thematic seminar, Dr. Kuldeep Arya, IAS, Managing Director, DICDL, delivered a detailed presentation on Dholera's world-class infrastructure, with special emphasis on the emerging social infrastructure that will support livability and workforce readiness. At the exhibition, the Gujarat

State Electronics Mission (GSEM) showcased Dholera as the preferred destination for semiconductor and ancillary investments, attracting interest from industry leaders and global stakeholders.

With strategic MoUs being signed during the conference, Tata Electronics signed a tripartite agreement with Taiwan's PSMC and Taiwanese fabless semiconductor manufacturer Himax Technologies. With PSMC's assistance, the partnership will be essential to Tata Electronics' semiconductor chip manufacturing at Dholera.



Dr. Kuldeep Arya, IAS, MD of DICDL, delivering a detailed presentation on Dholera's world class infrastructure.



Dholera at Gujarat Semiconnect 2025

As part of Gujarat Semi-connect 2025, a guided tour to Dholera was organised for over 150 national and international delegates. The delegation visited the iconic Administrative and Business Centre of Dholera (ABCD Building), where they experienced a multi-dimensional audio-visual film at the Experience Zone and were briefed on real-time surveillance at the City Integrated Operations Centre (CIOC).

The tour continued through the Activation Area, including site visits to the Tata Electronics Semiconductor Fab, the Canal Front, power substation and the Common Effluent Treatment Plant, offering delegates a first-hand view of Dholera's world-class infrastructure and readiness for high-tech industrial development.



Upcoming Social Infrastructure Projects

Crafting a complete city: Social infrastructure in action

As Dholera SIR rapidly transforms into a global semiconductor hub, essential social amenities are planned to support the thriving workforce and community. These planned amenities aim to create a holistic living environment and are expected to take shape by next year.

Multi-specialty Hospital

The 200-bed multi-specialty hospital, equipped with ICU, OPD, emergency care and specialised wards, will provide top-tier medical services for residents and the floating population, reinforcing Dholera SIR's commitment to a healthy and thriving ecosystem.



Integrated School

The upcoming integrated school is designed to provide education up to higher secondary levels across Science, Commerce and Arts streams. Featuring modern, future-ready infrastructure and comprehensive academic facilities tailored to meet the evolving educational needs of the region.



Guest House

To enhance investor experience and facilitate business engagements, Dholera SIR is developing a state-of-the-art guest house within the Activation Area. This premium facility will feature 36 well-appointed rooms, 3 spacious dormitories, dedicated meeting rooms and a modern dining area, offering a comfortable and convenient stay.

Designed to cater to visiting investors, business delegations and stakeholders, the guest house will serve as a hub for networking and collaboration.



Fire Station

Safety and resilience are at the heart of any thriving city. With its 11-garage fire station, Dholera SIR is enhancing its emergency response infrastructure, ensuring rapid and effective disaster management services to protect the community of the region.



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As part of its vision to build a holistic city, Dholera SIR have allocated land for residential and hospitality developments. Private players responded with strong interest, leading to key projects now underway - a residential and commercial complex by a joint venture of GAP Associates, and a hotel by the Seksaria Group. These developments mark a major step in enhancing the city's livability and investor appeal.

Residential & Commercial Complex

Strategically located in the High Access Corridor of the Activation Area, this upcoming residential and commercial complex will redefine urban living in Dholera SIR.

The project will feature 1,000+ modern studio apartments along with premium commercial spaces, offering a seamless blend of convenience and lifestyle. This landmark development will cater to professionals, entrepreneurs and investors, fostering a thriving business and residential ecosystem.



Corporate Hotel

Located in the High Access Corridor of the Activation Area, this corporate hotel is designed to meet the needs of business travellers, investors and corporate guests.

With 100+ well-appointed rooms, modern amenities and seamless hospitality services, the hotel will provide a comfortable and efficient stay for professionals.



Multi-cuisine Food Court

Dholera SIR is set to introduce a vibrant multi-cuisine food court within the Activation Area, offering a dedicated space for national and international food outlets.

Designed to cater to investors, residents and visitors, this food court will bring together a diverse range of culinary experiences, from Indian delicacies to global flavours.



International Tent City

This upcoming facility will offer a distinctive blend of comfort and nature for business and leisure travellers. With 50 well-equipped tent accommodations, this exclusive retreat will provide a premium stay experience.

Designed to host investors, corporate delegations and tourists, the tent city will feature modern amenities, serene surroundings and a unique hospitality experience, making it an ideal destination for short-term stays and special business events.



Dholera in the news

National Recognition & Momentum

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THE WEEK



Will India's ambitious plan to build a semiconductor ecosystem succeed?

Located 115 kilometres southwest of Ahmedabad, Dholera is a dusty village of broken roads and rugged terrain nondescript at first glance. The landscape is dry and barren, save for an area where construction...

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अहमदाबाद के पास एक और इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, जानें कब तक काम होने की उम्मीद

ગुजરात के विकास के लिए राज्य सरकार द्वारा कई जरूरी कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। इसमें केंद्र सरकार भी राज्य सरकार की मदद कर रही है। राज्य में कई प्रोजेक्ट पर काम चल रहा है, जिसके जरिए प्रदेश के इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास को मजबूत किया जाएगा। ...

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Opinion | PM Modi's Dholera Dream A Vision Of Economic Prosperity & Innovation

Gujarat is driving India's dream to become the global hub of the semiconductor industry. With the vision of the Union government, its policy support, infrastructure development, and incentives...

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Gujarat Semi-connect Conference Sees Rs 1.04 Lakh Cr. Investment In Semicon Sector

The Gujarat Semi-connect Conference, held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, witnessed the signing of eight major Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth over...

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From The Economic Times



Multiple MoUs signed at Gujarat semi-connect conference to propel semiconductor growth

Multiple Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) were signed in the Gujarat semi-connect Conference, in the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Wednesday...

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With Rs 15k cr semicon investments, Guj to build local-to-global value chain

Gandhinagar: In a move set to redefine the state's industrial landscape, chief minister Bhupendra Patel kicked off the Gujarat SemiConnect IESA Vision Summit 2025 on Wednesday and shared a compelling vision to turn Gujarat....

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Gujarat: Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway Nears Completion, Full Details Inside

Gujarat's 109-kilometre Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway is almost finished, with 91 percent of construction completed. This Rs 4,500 crore project was expected to open by the end of January...

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Gujarat government seeks Rs 40,783 crore grant form Centre for semi-conductor industry development in Sanand and Dholera SIR

AHMEDABAD: Department of Science and Technology Gujarat government has demanded substantial Rs 40,783 crore grants from the government of India (GOI) for the...

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High-Level Delegations Validate Dholera's Future-Readiness

Shri Balvantsinh Rajput, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister - Industry, MSME, Civil Aviation, Labour and Employment, Gujarat, along with Shri S.S. Rathore, Chairman – DICDL, visited Dholera SIR to assess key developments in the month of January 2025.

The visit included a review of the Dholera International Airport project, a walkthrough of the ABCD Building with City Integrated Operations Centre, and an inspection of Tata Electronics' upcoming semiconductor fab, reinforcing Dholera's role in the Viksit Gujarat @ 2047 mission. Shri Kalubhai Dabhi, Hon'ble MLA, and Dholera SIR officials were also present.



As part of the India Water Mission, led by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment (JMC) and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), a delegation of leading Japanese water solution companies visited Dholera SIR's key water infrastructure, including the Water Treatment Plant, CETP, STP, stormwater management, and distribution systems.

The tour concluded at the ABCD Building at Dholera, a cutting-edge structure housing the Experience Zone and the City Integrated Operations Centre (CIOC), along with a keynote by Mr Rajeev Kumar Jain, Advisor, NICDC.



High-Level Delegations Validate Dholera's Future-Readiness

A 31-member delegation from the JCCI Semicon Committee, led by JBIC, visited Dholera SIR to explore its cutting-edge infrastructure.

Their visit included key facilities such as the Water Treatment Plant, Canal Front Development, and the Power Substation. The delegation was also briefed on the advanced trunk infrastructure within the Activation Area.

As part of their tour, they explored the City Integrated Operations Centre and the Experience Zone, which highlights Dholera SIR's visionary development approach.



Singapore Consul Political, Mr. Jerome Wong's visit to Dholera highlighted the possibilities of future strategic collaborations in the semiconductor space between India and Singapore.

His visit included an insightful discussion on master planning and the ongoing development at Dholera SIR. Mr Wong explored the Activation Area to assess infrastructure readiness in light of TEPL's upcoming semiconductor fabrication plant at Dholera SIR.

He also visited key utility sites, including the power substation and CETP, reaffirming the robustness of Dholera's water and power infrastructure.



Progress with Purpose

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Focused on Safety, Skills and Shared Growth

A road safety awareness programme was hosted by DICDL in association with RTO Bavla at the ABCD Building, Dholera.

In addition to fostering a culture of safe driving, the event elaborated on defensive driving, challenges in road safety, key statistics, safe driving practices, vehicle inspections, and safety aspects with respect to heavy vehicles.

A wide participation of about 80 people was observed from various stakeholders like M/s TSMPL, M/s ReNew Energy, M/s L&T project of R&S, CETP, M/s MSKEL, M/s BRCIL, DICDL staff, GISF, etc.



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A Safety Awareness Session was conducted for the construction workforce on 4 March 2025, in recognition of the 54th National Safety Day. The session focused on reinforcing key safety practices and ensuring adherence to industry standards.

Topics covered Toolbox Talks (TBT), safe work practices at height, the importance of obtaining height passes, and the precautions necessary during excavation activities. Additionally, the session addressed scaffolding safety, proper handling of heavy machinery, and the use of lifting tools and tackles.

A site safety induction was also conducted to familiarise the workforce with site-specific safety protocols and emergency procedures. This initiative aimed to enhance safety awareness, reduce risks, and promote a culture of safety across all construction operations.





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