

# Wind Farm Project in Gujarat, India

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## 1. Abstract

- Overview of the Project, Key Findings, Recommendations

## 2. Introduction: Overview of Wind Farm Development in Gujarat

### 2.1 The Evolution of Wind energy in India

India has made significant wind energy farm over the past few decades, becoming Globally, India ranks fourth in terms of installed wind power capacity. The journey began in the 1980s with small-scale wind energy projects. The first wind farm was established in 1986 in coastal Gujarat. India has developed several large wind farms, particularly in states like Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. The growth of the wind industry has created a strong support system, improved project management skills, and built a manufacturing capacity of around 15,000 MW per year. [1] [2]

### 2.2 Importance of Wind Energy in Gujarat

As of May 2024, Gujarat has an impressive 11,823 MW of installed wind power capacity. This makes it the leading state in India for wind energy, surpassing Tamil Nadu, which has 10,743 MW. [3] Its growth has been significantly influenced by a dedicated wind and land policy, which is further explored in a later section of this report.

No	State	Wind Potential at 120 m (GW)	Wind Potential at 150 m (GW)
1	Andhra Pradesh	70.90	123.3
2	Gujarat	142.56	180.8
3	Karnataka	124.15	169.3
4	Madhya Pradesh	15.40	55.4
5	Maharashtra	98.21	173.9
6	Rajasthan	127.75	284.2
7	Tamil Nadu	68.75	95.1
8	Telangana	24.83	54.7
9	Other	18.95	27.1

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(Table 2. 1: Potential of Energy in Gujarat, India) [1]

## 2.3 Objectives of the Report

- To analyse the growth and current status of wind energy installations in Gujarat, India.
- Design and analyse of Wind Farm using GIS and Wind Pro software
- To examine the policies and regulations that have supported the development of wind energy in Gujarat
- To identify the key drivers and barriers to the expansion of wind energy in Gujarat, India, including infrastructure, financing, and policy support.
- Making schedule and timetable for wind Farm development project in Gujarat, India.

## 2.4 Scope and Limitations

### 2.4.1 Scope:

- **Geographic Advantage:** Gujarat's long coastline and favorable wind conditions make it an ideal location for both onshore and offshore wind projects. [4]
- **Government Support:** The state government offers various incentives, including subsidies, tax benefits, and streamlined approval processes, to encourage investment in wind energy.
- **Economic Impact:** Wind energy projects create jobs, boost local economies, and contribute to sustainable development goals.

### 2.4.2 Limitations:

- **High Initial Costs:** The setup and installation of wind turbines and related infrastructure require significant upfront investment.
- **Land Use Conflicts:** Large-scale wind farms can lead to land acquisition issues and conflicts with local communities.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Wind turbines can impact local wildlife, particularly birds and bats, and may cause noise pollution.

- **Grid Integration:** Integrating wind energy into the existing power grid can be challenging due to the need for stable and reliable energy supply. [5]

## 3. Literature Review

### 3.1 Wind Resource Assessment of Gujarat

The wind resource estimates in this study highlight regions with average annual wind speeds above 8 m/s, mainly in the Gulf of Kutch and the southern coast. Similar to past research, our 2011 analysis confirms the highest wind potential in the northwestern Gulf of Kutch, with comparable potential found along the southern coastline. While the International Renewable Energy Agency agrees on high wind speeds in these areas, they report higher speeds of 9 m/s in the Gulf of Khambhat, exceeding our estimates. [4]

Wind speeds in Gujarat peak from May to August, reaching over 10 m/s, particularly along the coast, and are lowest in October and November, averaging below 7 m/s. Gujarat has a tropical and subtropical steppe climate, with occasional cyclones, droughts, and floods. The state experiences three main seasons: winter (November-March), summer (March-June), and monsoon (June-September). The northern region is dry, while the southern part is humid, with coastal winds influenced by sea breezes. [4]

## 3.2 Review of existing wind energy projects.

### 3.2.1 Scaling challenges in Gujarat

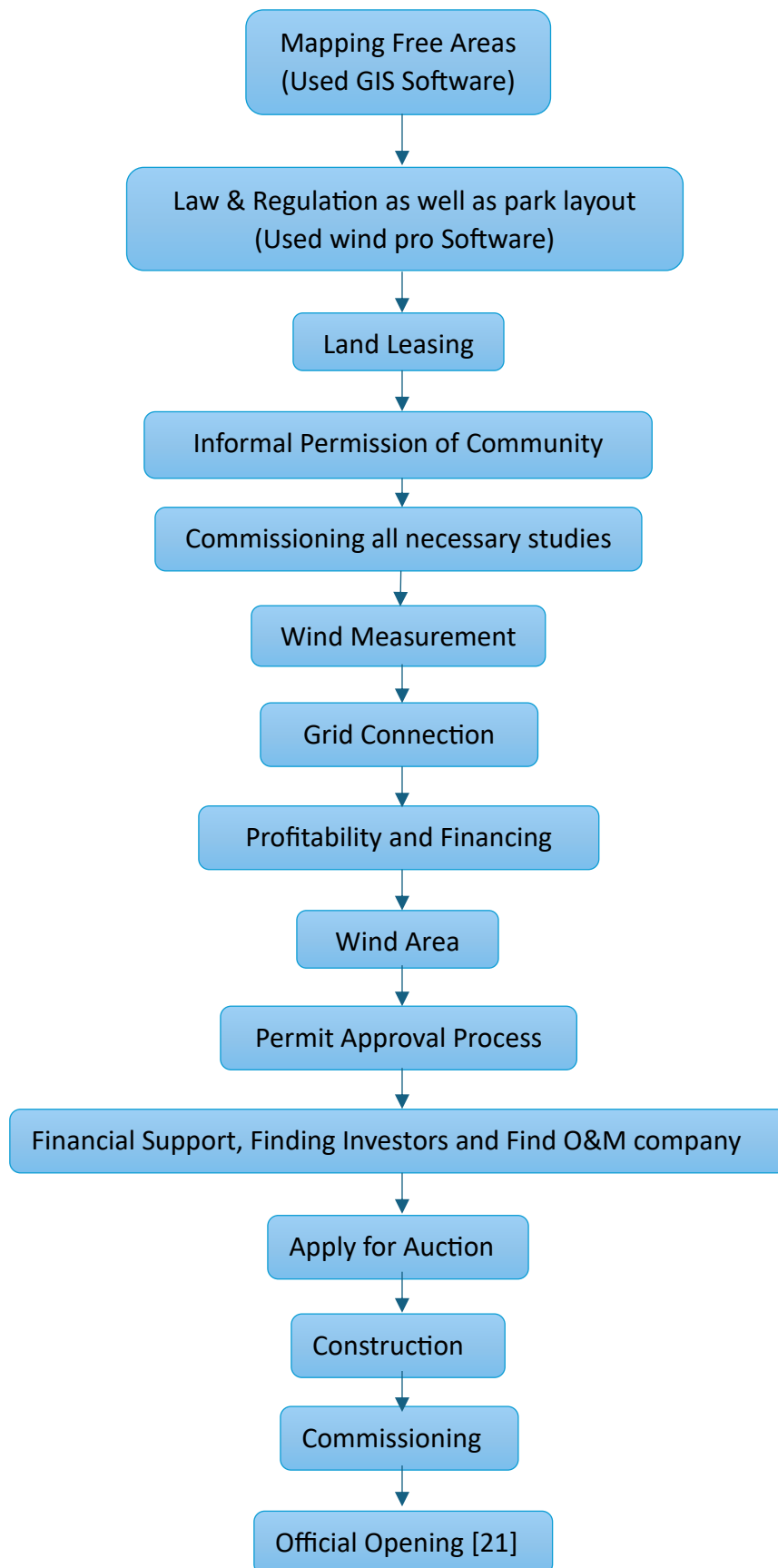
Renewable energy development, particularly large-scale wind farms, faces multifaceted challenges (Land Acquisition and local engagement, Logistical Challenges, Grid Integration, Regulatory and Environmental Hurdles, Financial and Contractual Risks, Stakeholder Coordination) that can significantly impact project timelines, costs, and outcomes. The experiences of hypothetical projects like Adani Wind Energy's 300 MW wind farm in India's coastal region highlight key obstacles that often arise during such ventures. Successful wind energy projects, such as those proposed by Adani Wind Energy, provide valuable lessons for future initiatives in the renewable energy sector. [6]

### 3.2.2 Suzlon secures a repeat order of 193.2 MW in Gujarat

Suzlon Group, a leading renewable energy solutions provider, has secured a repeat order from The KP Group for a wind energy project in Gujarat. This collaboration underscores the private sector's commitment to sustainable growth, supported by Gujarat's favourable policy environment for renewable energy development. Suzlon's wind turbines, featuring the advanced Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) technology, efficiently integrate with utility networks to meet grid requirements. The company's R&D focuses on increasing turbine performance, optimizing energy capture from low wind sites, and reducing energy costs. Suzlon's commitment to **"Aatmanirbhar Bharat"** is evident through its domestically manufactured turbines, contributing to India's self-reliance in the renewable energy sector.

Gujarat's conducive policy environment for renewable energy development, along with Suzlon's technological expertise and KP Group's commitment, makes the state an ideal location for expanding renewable energy infrastructure. The partnership supports India's net-zero goals while promoting economic progress through clean energy. [7]

## 4. Methodology





## 5. Requirement & Criteria to develop wind farm in Gujarat

### 5.1 Regional Planning Requirement

### 5.2 Permit approval Process

#### 5.2.1 Permit Approval Process

- **Site Identification:** Identify a suitable site for the wind farm. The site should be approved by the Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA).
- **Project Registration:** Register your project with GEDA. This involves submitting necessary documents and project details for review. Such as, Company Registration Certificate, PAN Card, GST Certificate, Project Details, Letter of Intent (LOI), Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Provisional Registration Fees so on.
- **Land Allotment:** Apply for land allotment from GEDA. The land should be notified as a potential site for wind energy projects.
- **Environmental Clearance:** Obtain environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):** Secure a PPA with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam (GUVNL) or any other obligated entity for the sale of electricity generated from the wind farm.
- **Grid Connectivity:** Apply for grid connectivity approval from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation (GETCO).
- **Installation of WTGs:** Install wind turbine generators (WTGs) approved by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). [8]

## 6. Wind Area Selection

### 6.1 Site Selection and Mapping

To analyse wind farm suitability by integrating wind speed data at 100m height with geographical and infrastructural constraints.

#### 6.1.1 Steps Involved in the Analysis

##### Step 1: Data Preparation

- Wind speed data at 100m height. [9]
- GIS layers for: Buildings, Forests, Military areas, Railways, Industrial, Roads, Airports, Airfields, Rivers. [10]
- Import all provided data layers.

##### Step 2: Project Properties Setup

- Set the correct CRS (Coordinate Reference System) as per the dataset. [See Fig. 6.1]

##### Step 3: Create Buffers

- Use the **Buffer tool** to create exclusion zones around:

GIS Layers	Distances [m]
Buildings	250
Forests	10,000
Military Areas	10,000
Railways/ Industrial	250
Roads	250
Airports/ Airfields	20,000
Rivers	250

(Table 6. 1: Specify buffer distances for each feature as per the project guidelines)

##### Step 4: Merge Buffers into No-Go Areas

- Combine all individual buffer layers into a single "No-Go Area" layer. [See Fig. 6.2 for individual buffers and Fig. 6.3 for the merged No-Go Area.]

### Step 5: Identify Suitable Areas Using Difference Tool

- Use the **Difference tool** to subtract the "No-Go Area" layer from the total study area.
- The output is a "White Map" layer highlighting areas suitable for wind farms. [See Fig. 6.4]

### Step 6: Integrate Wind Speed Data

Overlay wind speed data onto the White Map layer. [See Fig. 6.5]

Use the **Clip Raster by Mask Layer** tool.

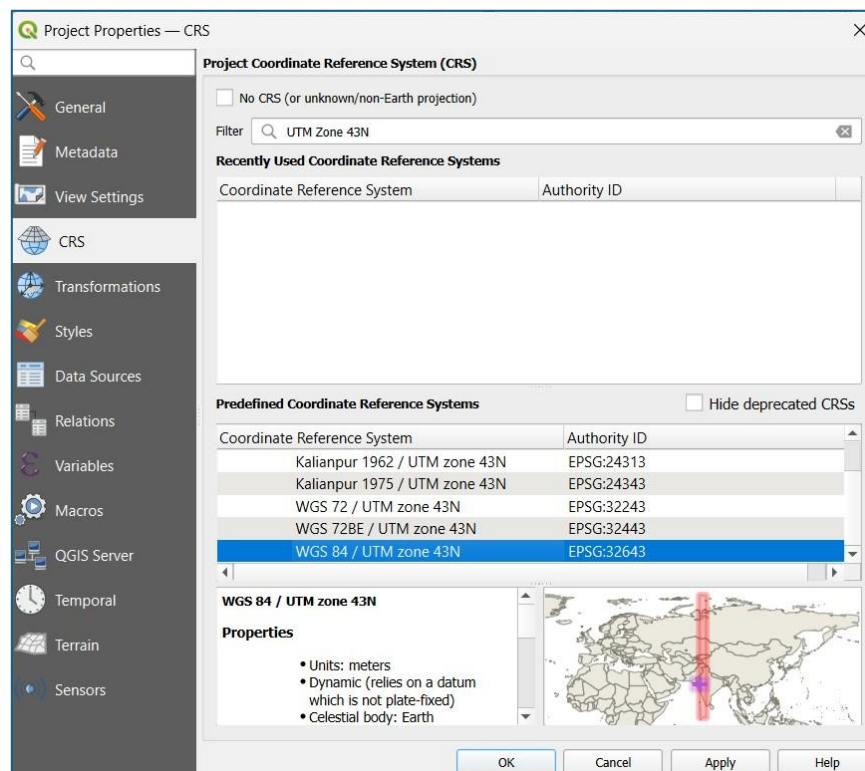


Fig 6.1: configured Project Properties window

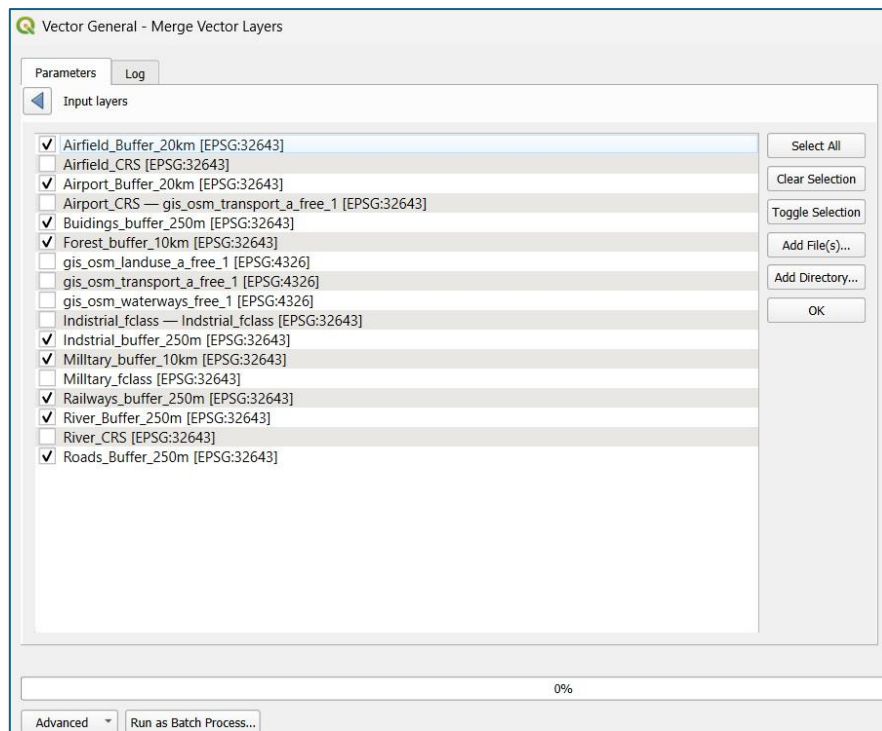


Fig 6.2 individual buffers

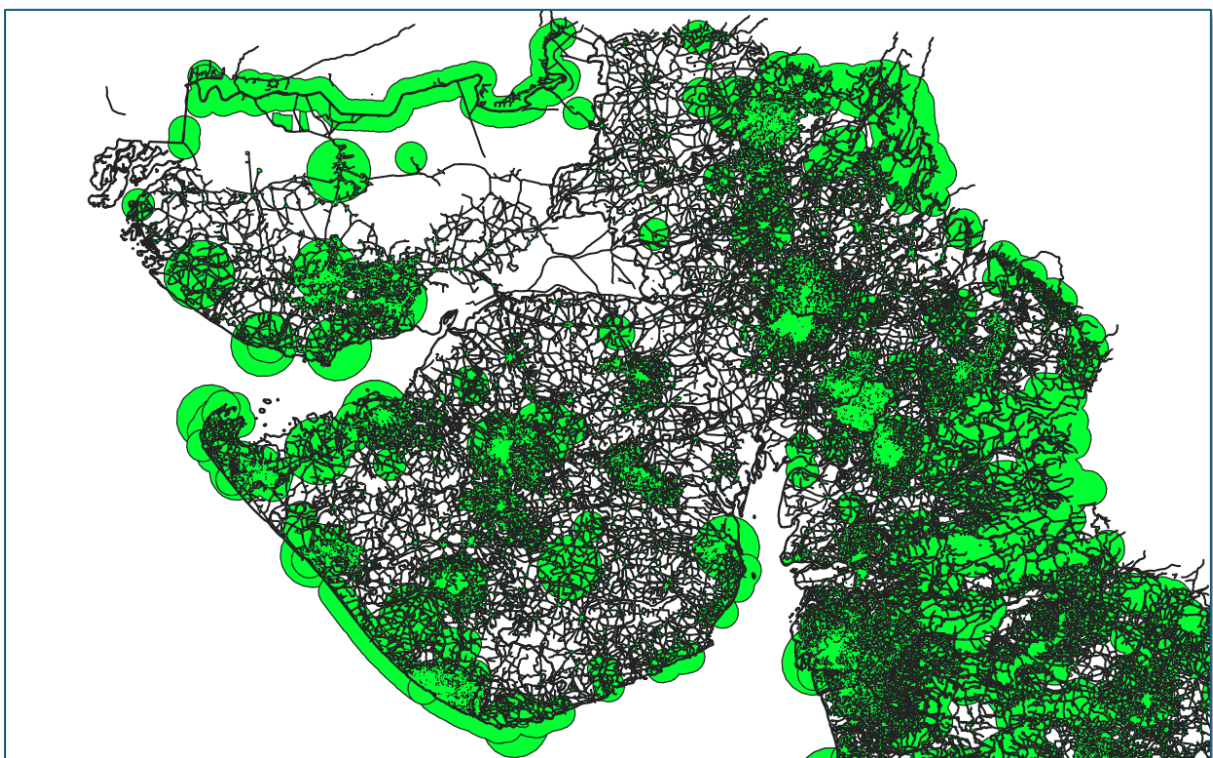
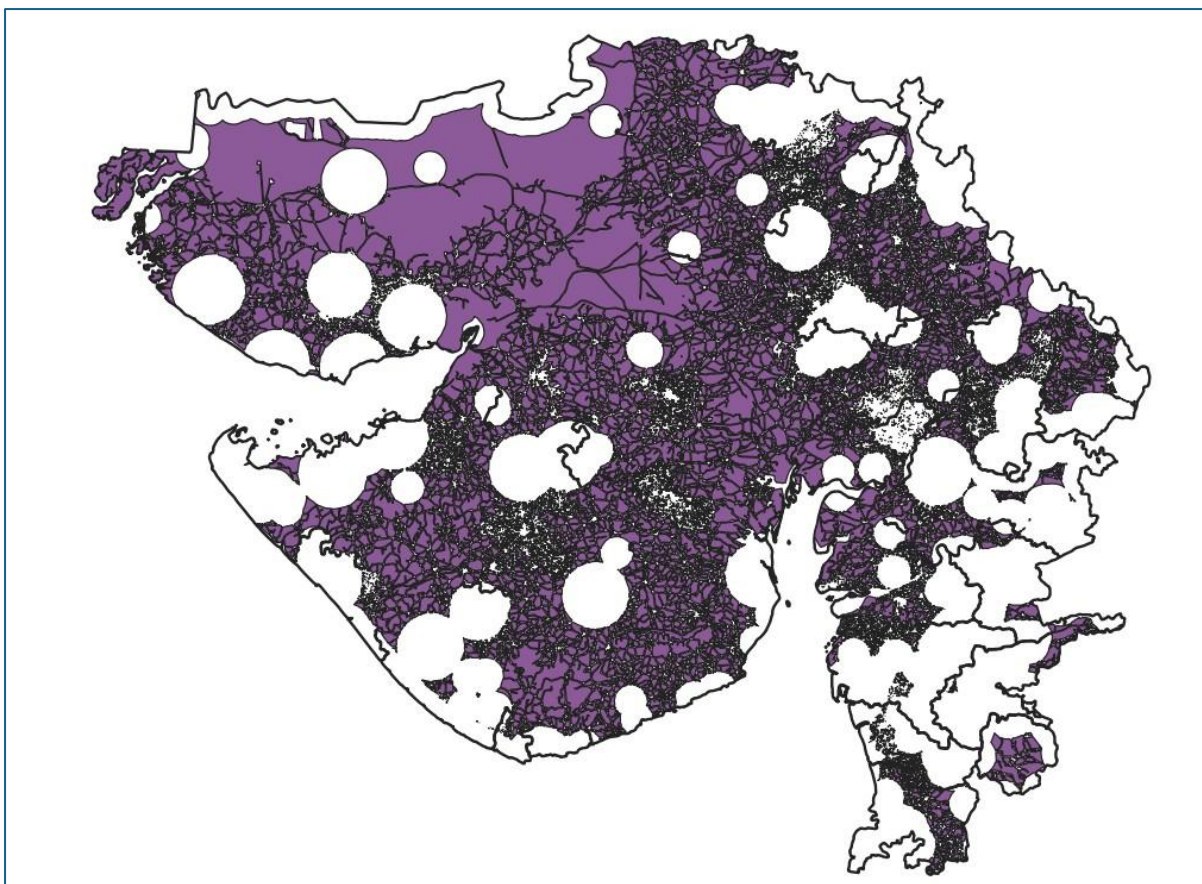


Fig 6.3 merged No-Go Area



*Fig 6.4 resulting White Map area*



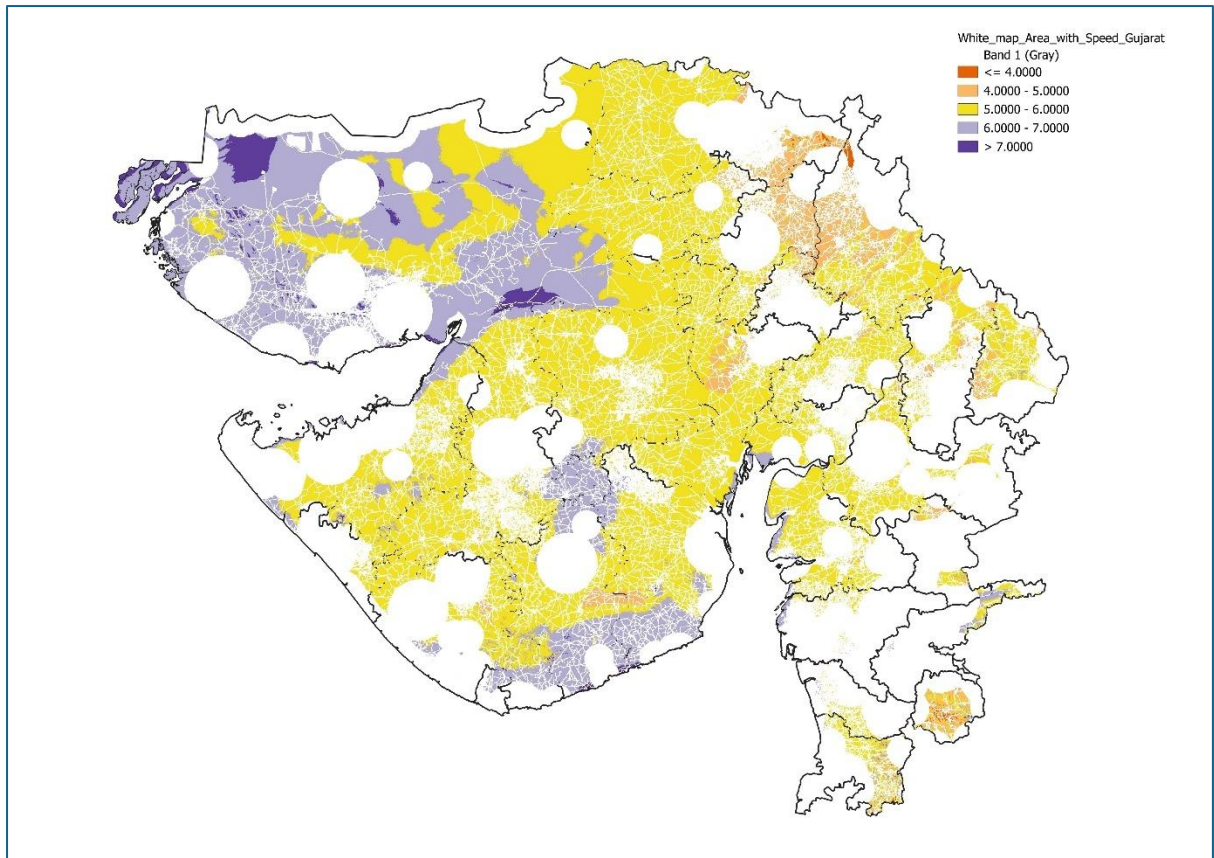


Fig 6.5 The merged wind speed into White map

## 7. Electrical Grid Infrastructure and Cable Routing: Ensuring Connectivity

## 8. Project Development Timeline: From Greenfield to Operation

Phases	Descriptions	Timeline
1	Study Laws and Regulations	
2	Site Assessment	
3	Land Leasing	
4	Planning	
5	Permitting	
6	Financing	

7	Constructions	
8	Commissioning	
9	Operations	

Table 8. 1

## 9. Community Engagement: Strategies for Local Acceptance

- **Community Meetings:** Organize meetings with community members to explain the benefits of the project, such as job creation, infrastructure development, and clean energy. Address any concerns and answer questions.
- **Engage Local Leaders:** Work with local leaders and influential community members to gain their support. Their endorsement can help in building trust and acceptance within the community.
- **Transparency:** Maintain transparency throughout the process by sharing project details, timelines, and potential impacts. This can help in building trust and reducing resistance.
- **Benefit Sharing:** Propose benefit-sharing, such as community development funds, scholarships, or infrastructure improvements, to ensure that the community also gains from the project.
- **Regular Updates:** Keep the community informed about the progress of the project through regular updates and open communication channels.

## 10. Land Leasing and Acquisition: Securing the Site

### 5.3 Land Leasing

Policy 2023 aims to facilitate the leasing of government fallow land in Gujarat for the establishment of green hydrogen production facilities. These facilities will utilize non-conventional renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hybrid wind-solar energy. [11]

### 5.3.1 Lease Duration and Terms

Lease Period: 40 years.

Annual Rent: ₹15,000 (€ 150 – €170) per [ $10^4 \text{ m}^2$ ] area, subject to a 15% increase every three years.

Advance Payment: Annual rent and applicable taxes must be paid in advance. Late payments integrate 12% simple interest after 90 days.

Security Deposit: Applicants must provide a deposit equivalent to one year's rent, a 1% service charge, and necessary stamp duty upon land possession. [11]

### 5.3.2 Eligibility and Allocation

Criteria: Includes financial stability (minimum net worth of ₹1200 crore (€130.44 million)), experience in renewable energy generation (minimum 500 MW).

Land Allocation Limits: One applicant or their partners can only lease enough land to produce 30 lakh metric tonnes ( $3 \times 10^8$ ) of green hydrogen each year. This means they can't lease more land than what is necessary for that amount of production. [11]

### 5.3.3 Application and Approval Process

Pre-Feasibility Report: Applicants must submit a preliminary report demonstrating their capability to produce green hydrogen.

Review Committees: A Committee of Experts evaluates the applications, followed by the High-Power Committee for final recommendations. [11]

Tripartite Agreement: Upon approval, a tripartite agreement is signed between the Collector, the nodal agency (GPCL), and the applicant. [11]

### 5.3.4 Usage and Compliance

Dedicated Use: Leased land must be exclusively used for green hydrogen production.



Development Timeline: Projects must develop infrastructure and achieve 50% capacity within 3 years and full capacity within 8 years.

No Subleasing: The leased land cannot be subleased to third parties. [11]

### 5.3.5 Financial and Operational Responsibilities

Infrastructure Development: Applicants are responsible for all infrastructure, including power transmission, roads, water supply, and security.

Energy Usage: Generated renewable energy must primarily be used for green hydrogen production within Gujarat. Excess energy sales are subject to government discretion.

Charges and Taxes: All applicable taxes, licensing fees, and GST must be borne by the lease agreement. [11]

### 5.3.6 Governance and Oversight

Nodal Agency (GPCL): Manages land allocation, application processing, and project monitoring.

High Power Committee (HPC): Sets parameters for equipment and production standards, and prioritizes applications based on predefined criteria.

Revenue Department: Ensures land allocation aligns with state requirements and oversees final approvals. [11]

## 11. Addressing Conflicting Interests

## 12. Turbine Components: Logistics and Transformation

There are four locations: Daman, Vadodara, Gandhidham, and Bhuj (refer to Figure 12.1). Previously, we have selected a wind farm site located in Poladia, Gujarat, India. We had

discussed that we chose Suzlon company wind turbines because they are manufactured in Gujarat, India. One of the key advantages is the ease of transportation. The government provides incentives if we select “Made in India” products, it is second key advantages.

You can see Table 12.1, which shows the different turbine component manufacturing locations and the distances to the wind farm. Additionally, in Figure 12.1, the National Highway (NH), National Express Highway (NE), and Sub National Highway (754K) are represented. These are the best routes for transporting wind turbine components.

Wind Turbine Manufacturing components	Manufacturing Locations	Distance between Manufacturing location to Wind farm [km]
<b>Nacelle</b>	Daman, Gujarat, India	743
<b>Nacelle Cover</b>	Daman, Gujarat, India	743
<b>Hub</b>	Daman, Gujarat, India	743
<b>Rotor Blades</b>	Bhuj, Gujarat, India	57
<b>Tower</b>	Gandhidham, Gujarat, India	136
<b>Electrical</b>	Vadodara, India	544

Reference: <https://www.suzlon.com/in-en/end-to-end-solutions/supply-chain-management-and-manufacturing>

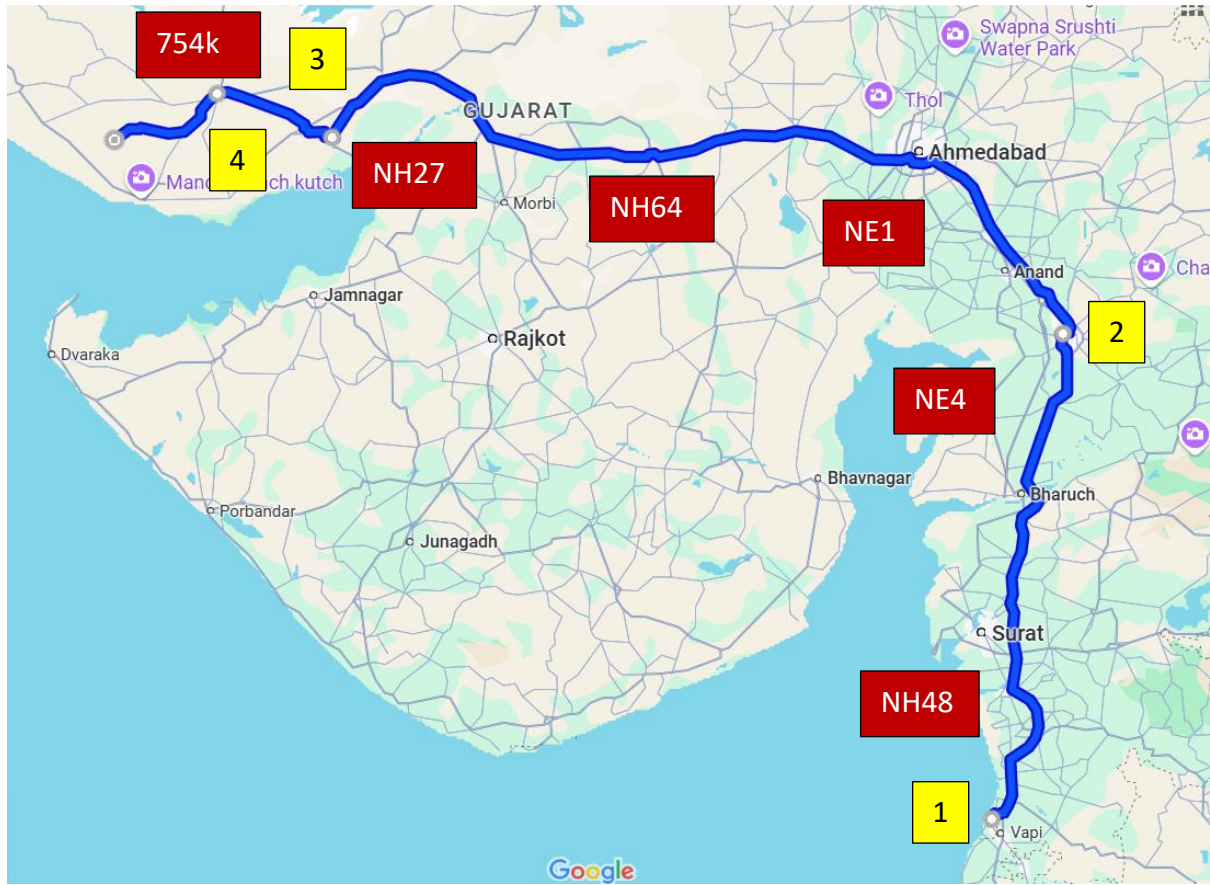


Fig 12.1

## 13. Profitability Analysis: Calculating the Financial Viability

## 14. Long-term Strategy: Wind Energy Development Roadmap to 2030/2050

## 15. Barriers and Obstacles to Wind Farm Development

## 16. Conclusion: A Strategic Plan for Wind Energy Development in Gujarat

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## 18. Appendices

### q6.1 Commissioning all necessary studies

#### 6.1.1 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

While wind energy is a greener choice compared to fossil fuels, it has some environmental challenges. One major issue is that birds, especially predators like raptors, can accidentally fly into the spinning turbine blades, leading to injuries or deaths. These impacts interrupt local ecosystems, as seen in reduced raptor populations leading to increased numbers of prey species, such as the fan-throated lizard. Noise from turbines and habitat disruption during construction can further affect wildlife. [12]

In India, even though environmental impact assessments (EIA) are not required for wind farms, the wind energy sector still must follow certain guidelines from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). If a wind power project is located in a forest, national park, or wildlife sanctuary, it must get approval from the State Forest Board, the State Pollution Board, and the National Board for Wildlife. Additionally, if the land is home to scheduled tribal communities or traditional forest residents, the project must comply with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers Act, 2006. [12]

#### 6.1.2 Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

**Impact on Livelihoods:** Assess how the project might affect local livelihoods, such as agriculture and fishing, while identifying potential benefits like job creation and infrastructure improvements.

**Health and Safety:** Evaluate possible health and safety impacts, including noise pollution and environmental changes that could affect the community.

**Cultural and Heritage Impact:** Examine the impact on cultural heritage sites, traditional practices, and local customs to ensure the project does not harm these aspects.

**Economic Impact:** Analyse economic benefits and costs to the local community, such as changes in property values and opportunities for local businesses. [13]

### 6.1.3 Wildlife and Habitat Studies

### 6.1.4 Regulatory Compliance

Ensure that the project complies with all relevant local, state, and national regulations and standards. [14]

## 7.2 Financial Support, Finding Investors and O&M companies

### 7.2.1 Financial support by Government

- **Viability gap funding (VGF) scheme:** The government provides VGF to support the development of wind projects, reducing the financial burden on developers. The Union Cabinet has sanctioned amounting to Rs 7,453 crore (€820 million). [15]
- **Tax Incentives and Subsidies:** The Gujarat government has introduced supportive policies aimed at attracting investments in wind energy, such as tax breaks, subsidies, and the development of necessary infrastructure. These initiatives create a favourable environment for both local and foreign investors to engage in the state's wind energy sector. [16]
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### 7.2.2 Financial support by Bank

- **GE Energy Financial Services:** GE Energy Financial Services invested in the Major Wind Power Project in Gujarat through a structured preferred equity solution. This project, developed by Continuous Green Energy, has capacity of 148.5 MW.
- **State Bank of India (SBI):** SBI has been actively financing renewable energy projects, including wind farms, in Gujarat. They offer project financing, corporate loans, and working capital loans to support the development and operation of wind farms.
- **ICICI Bank:** ICICI Bank provides financial support for renewable energy projects, including onshore wind farms. They offer loans and structured finance solutions to help developers secure the necessary capital.
- **Axis Bank:** Axis Bank also supports renewable energy projects in Gujarat by providing project financing and working capital loans. They collaborate with developers to ensure the successful implementation of wind farm projects. [17]
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### 7.2.3 Available Investors companies

There are more investor companies involved in onshore wind farms in Gujarat, but include some important companies names:

- Continuum Green Energy
- Morgan Stanley Infrastructure

- Siemens Gamesa
- GE Energy Financial Services
- Tata Power
- Adani Green Energy
- ReNew Power
- Enercon

#### 7.2.4 Available Operation and Maintenance companies

Here are some companies that provide operation and maintenance (O&M) services for wind farms in Gujarat:

- KP Energy Ltd
- Suzlon Energy Ltd
- Aditya Birla Renewable Energy
- GE Renewable Energy
- ReNew Power

### 7.3 Apply for Auction

- **Tender Issuance:** The Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) or the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) issues a Request for Selection (RfS) document. This document outlines the project details, eligibility criteria, and bidding process.
  - **Pre-Bid Meetings:** Pre-bid meetings are held to clarify any queries from potential bidders and provide additional information about the project.
  - **Bid Submission:** Interested bidders submit their technical and financial bids by the specified deadline. The technical bid includes details about the bidder's qualifications and project plan, while the financial bid includes the proposed tariff for the electricity generated.
  - **Bid Evaluation:** The bids are evaluated based on technical and financial criteria. The bidder with the lowest tariff often wins the project, but other factors like experience and project feasibility are also considered.
  - **Reverse Auction:** A reverse auction process is conducted where bidders lower their tariffs in subsequent rounds until the best price is determined.
  - **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):** The winning bidder enters a PPA with GUVNL or SECI, which outlines the terms of electricity purchase, tariff, and project milestones.
- [8]

### 7.4 Construction

After finishing Auction process, starting Construction process. Construction is doing by same company or may be new one.



- **Site Preparation:** Clearing the site, levelling the ground, and preparing the foundation for the wind turbines.
- **Foundation Construction:** Building the foundations for the wind turbines.
- **Transport and Installation of Turbines:** Transporting the wind turbine components to the site and assembly.
- **Electrical Infrastructure:** Installing the electrical infrastructure, including cables, transformers, and substations to connect the wind farm to the grid.

## 7.5 Testing, Commissioning and Operation

- **Testing, Commissioning and Operation:** Once the project is completed, it is testing and commissioning and begins generating electricity, which is connecting to the local electricity to start delivering power.

### 7.5.1 Testing

Basically, there are three types of testing:

#### 1. Factory Tests (FAT)

These tests are carried out during the manufacturing stage of WTGs and other key components to ensure quality and compliance with specifications. On the WTGs side, the most usual one are Test on Tower, Electrical and mechanical components.

#### 2. Site Acceptance Tests (SAT)

Conducted on-site, these tests ensure that the equipment is installed correctly and functioning as intended.

#### 3. Performance Tests

These tests evaluate the overall performance of the wind farm to ensure it meets operational and regulatory standards. The performance phase includes. [18]

### 7.5.2 Commissioning

### 7.5.3 Operation

## 7.6 Official Opening

- **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony:** Provides a formal touch and a symbolic start to the wind farm's operation, while engaging local leaders and stakeholders.
- **Community Engagement:** The open house and tours offer transparency, allowing residents to see the project firsthand and learn about its benefits.
- **Educational Workshops:** Address any questions or concerns, educate attendees on renewable energy, and inspire future green initiatives.
- **Cultural Program:** Celebrates local cultural program with local community, which is increasing relationship.

- **Refreshments and Networking:** Keeps the atmosphere relaxed and enjoyable, providing informal opportunities for discussion and building connections.