



Ketan Patel

President, Pradesh Congress Committee Daman & Diu
Member – Ministry of Home Affairs, Home Minister's Advisory committee (Government of India)(2005 to 2015)
President - Ketan NGO, Helping underprivileged children and Empowering Women

Date of Birth – September 11, 1974
Educational Qualification – Diploma in Manmade Textile Technology
Elected President – Cum – chief Counsellor, U.T of Daman & Diu from 2005 to 2010 & From 2010 to 2015. I have served for 10 years as an elected President – Cum – chief Counsellor which is the main Governing body for the Union Territory, And it is as good as the Legislative body of the territory in Pursuance of 73rd Constitution Amendments.

Political/Organizational Responsibilities
President, Daman & Diu Pradesh Congress committee (2005 – 2010)
AICC, member
Treasurer, Indian Youth Congress (2001 – 2005)
Looking after day to day affairs of youth congress units of Punjab, Chandigarh, Kerala, Gujarat, Karnataka.
President Daman & Diu Youth Congress (1996 – 2001) First President of Youth Congress
President, Daman NSUI (1990) First President of National Students Union of India

Foreign Affairs

As a member of international business and political delegation actively participated in numerous business conferences, Seminars and negotiated in countries like Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Canada, Kenya, South Africa, Japan, South Korea, U.A.E, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, United Kingdom, Dusseldorf, Sweden, Denmark, United States of America, and Seychelles.

The Economy :

Daman & Diu economy depends on agriculture, fishing, Industries, Tourism, and cottage industry sectors. The gross domestic product of Daman & Diu amounted to US\$ 256 million in 2008. The economy of Daman and Diu depends on the industrial sector to a very large extent .

In Daman and Diu the various kinds of crops that are cultivated are Rice, Pulses, Ragi, Groundnut, wheat, Sapota and beans. The total land under cultivation is around 3,727 hectares. Daman & Diu is a small territory. In the union territory during my tenure as president Cum Chief Counsellor, the irrigation facilities have been improved and this has boosted the cultivation of crops. The major livestock in Daman and Diu are goats, cattle, sheep and buffaloes. The sector has given a major boost to the economy in the union territory of Daman and Diu. The economy in Daman and Diu also gets its revenue from the fishing sector. I tried my best as President Cum Chief Counsellor to boost, Support and to help to fund the fishing sector and can gladly say that it grew and benefited to a large extent during my tenure. The various kinds of fish found in Daman and Diu are shark, pomfret, prawns, Dara and eel. This sector has contributed to the growth of the economy of the union territory of Daman and Diu.

The economy in the union territory of Daman and Diu depends on the industrial sector for its revenue . In the union territory, the main areas for the industry are Kadaiya, Somnath, Bhimpore and Dabhel. There are around 2600 industries on small and big scale national & international basis in Daman. In order to further boost Daman and Diu's industrial sector, a corporation for industrial development has been set up called the Omnibus Industrial Development Corporation (OIDC) where I am also one of the directors on the OIDC board. Further to boost and empower, Daman Industries Association (DIA) has also been formed. I have been president for two terms for DIA. During my presidency, the investment in the industrial sector got boosted by 32% where I successfully brought multi-national and international companies to invest in Daman which resulted in major growth in the revenue of the economy. Furthermore, even though Daman & Diu is a small union territory it contributes one of the major revenue of excise to the government of India. Daman is one of the pioneers of the so-called Special Economy Zone (SEZ) where sales tax and income tax benefits are given. This was one of the major reasons for the investors to come and invest in Daman and also for the reason of its geographical position. Daman is located close to Mumbai, 160kms and it is very well linked with fantastic roads hence reduces the cost and time for industries for export and import.

Industries and Electricity :

Further to add on, I've been in active politics for the last two decades. I've been fortunate to work on various posts with challenging tasks throughout the nation which I've achieved successfully. As I always say & believe that life is a school where you learn new things every day! All these years brought me a broader view and a lot of experiences where I realised that the industrial sector and its investment is a major key to boost the economy and its growth. During my tenure as President Cum Chief Counsellor and my two terms as the president of Daman Industrial Associations. I conducted various meetings in the homeland as well as internationally where my main goal was to bring two ends together and to make them understand each other to bring better results. I along with the DIA delegation visited Germany, China, Singapore, Canada, the USA where we not only attended the business seminars but we also conducted direct meetings with investors who were looking forward to investing in India. I am glad to say that success became our key partner and I managed to bring a number of industries from abroad and from the nationwide to invest in the territory. This brought big revenue and gave the opportunity for new jobs to thousands of people. Power is another important issue. In my territory, we are buying power from different states since we don't have any power stations in our territory. We are buying power from different states since we don't have any power stations in our territory. Almost 90%power is consumed by industrial sectors where the residents of the territory consume about 10% of the total power. I've been in constant touch and in discussion with different private power plants investors and aiming to bring power stations to the territory. As President Cum Chief Counsellor, I also aim to give the electricity at the lowest rate or also on free base to the people of the territory since as mentioned above only 10% electricity is consumed by the residents and 90% by the industrial sectors

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