

# DEVELOPMENT OF AERO SPORTS



**TOURISM**  
GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

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## About Aero Sports

### Area Sports in the World

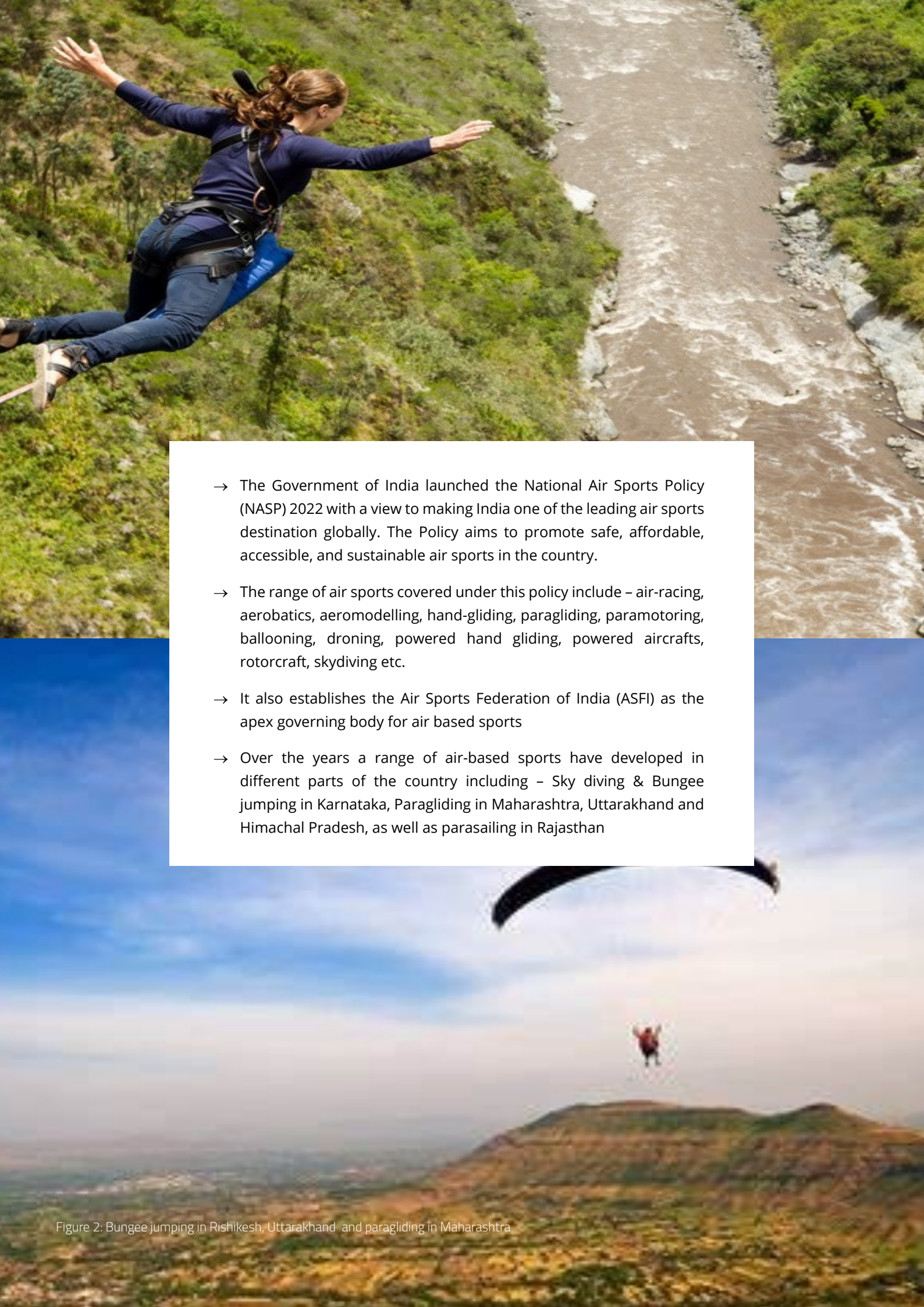
→ Aero sports have gained popularity across the world with destinations such as Switzerland, New Zealand, Brazil, Nepal, Australia, South Africa, and USA being some of the leading aero sports destinations globally.

→ These destinations offer not just scenic views and safe aero sporting activities, but also offer training & certification courses, building a strong community of sports enthusiasts, accessibility to cultural and tourist attractions in the vicinity



Figure 1: Bungee jumping in New Zealand (top-L) and paragliding in Bali, Indonesia (top-R) Paragliding in Nepal (bottom-L) and Aerobatics in Switzerland (bottom -R)





- The Government of India launched the National Air Sports Policy (NASP) 2022 with a view to making India one of the leading air sports destination globally. The Policy aims to promote safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable air sports in the country.
- The range of air sports covered under this policy include – air-racing, aerobatics, aeromodelling, hand-gliding, paragliding, paramotoring, ballooning, droning, powered hand gliding, powered aircrafts, rotorcraft, skydiving etc.
- It also establishes the Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) as the apex governing body for air based sports
- Over the years a range of air-based sports have developed in different parts of the country including – Sky diving & Bungee jumping in Karnataka, Paragliding in Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, as well as parasailing in Rajasthan

Figure 2: Bungee jumping in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand and paragliding in Maharashtra

# Project Concept & Information

## Aero Sports in Gujarat

- Gujarat has a strong, well-established airport and airfield infrastructure with 19 airstrips in all – below figure includes some unused airstrips – including one at Amreli.
- Specific to Amreli, the facility already has an operational air strip, and comes under the State Government of Gujarat's jurisdiction. .
- New Greenfield airport and a International Airport is being constructed at Hirasar, Rajkot and also a one-lakh square meter plot near the New Race Course- Atal Sarovar
- Under the 2022-23 Gujarat budget, a provision of INR11.25 crore has been allocated to frame a policy to make interstate and domestic aviation attractive.
- The Government of Gujarat has created a provision of INR10 crore for establishment of the aero sport hub at Amreli to set up training center on subjects related to aero sports and new education courses related to the aviation sector.
- Gujarat has existing aero sports facilities at Saputara, Pavagadh, and Junagadh. This provides an existing base in the state for aero sports enthusiasts, instructors, equipment, and suppliers.

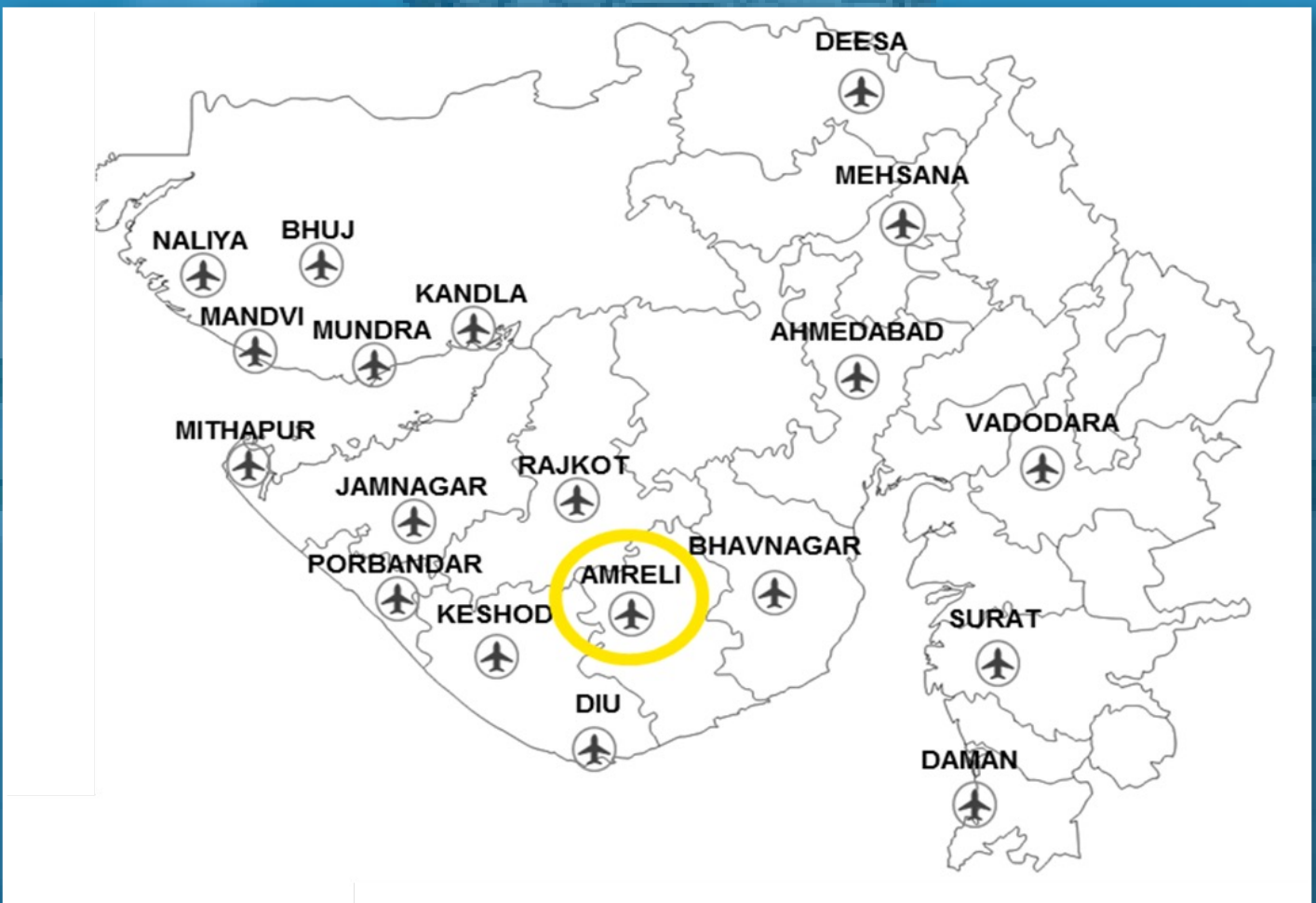


Figure 3: Unused airstrips in Gujarat with Amreli's location on Gujarat map



## Logistics & Connectivity



**Location**  
Amreli



### Rail

- Amreli has its own railway station that connects it to major cities in Gujarat.
- Neighboring stations include Chital and Khijadiya.
- Nearby major railway station is Rajkot.



### Road

- Amreli is easily approachable by National Highway 8A and 351.
- Amreli is only 245 Km away from Ahmedabad, and 111 Km from Rajkot by road.



### Air

- Domestic airports:
- Rajkot is the nearest airport to Amreli (117 km)
  - Other key airports near Amreli are Bhavnagar Airport (119 km) and Diu Airport (134 km)
- International airport:
- Ahmedabad is the closest international airport (275 km).



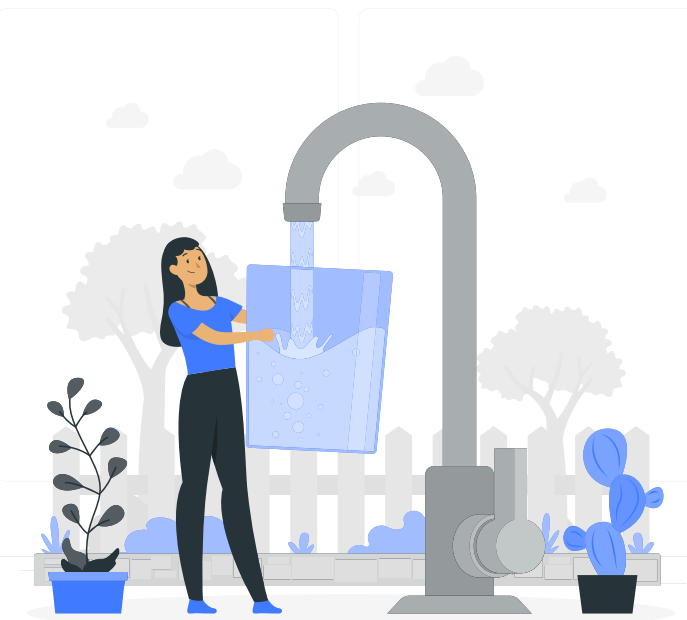
### Port

- Nearest ports to Amreli are – Pipavav (88 Km), Jafarabad (96 Km), Veraval (161 Km), Bhvnagar (119 Km) and Porbandar (200 Km).

## Utility

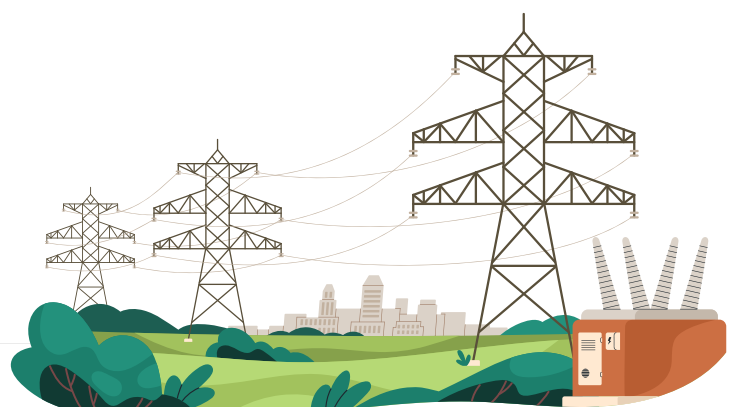
### Water

- Gujarat has successfully interlinked 27 rivers across the State and has in place a state-wide water grid across 120,000 km enhancing the quality of life and growth prospects of the state



### Power

- The state is self-sufficient in power with its present generating capacity of 23,973 MW (including about 4,385 MW of renewable energy),



## Focus of State Government at Potential Destinations

### 1. Amreli

→ Amreli offers a unique opportunity for aero sports facility in Gujarat with an air strip that will allow it to host aero sports such as sky diving on the western coast of the state

→ Some of the other nearby tourist destinations to Amreli have been mentioned in the table below along with annual footfall observed at those destinations:

| Sr. No. | Nearby Tourist Destinations | Distance from Amreli | FY 23 Footfall |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1       | Girnar Temple               | 86 Kms               | ~ 44.34 lakhs  |
| 2       | Devalia Safari Park         | 36 kms               | ~ 5.86 lakhs   |
| 3       | Gir National Park           | 76 kms               | ~2.02 lakhs    |



Figure 4: Bhavnagar, Amreli forest (Top) and Girnar hills Junagadh (Bottom)



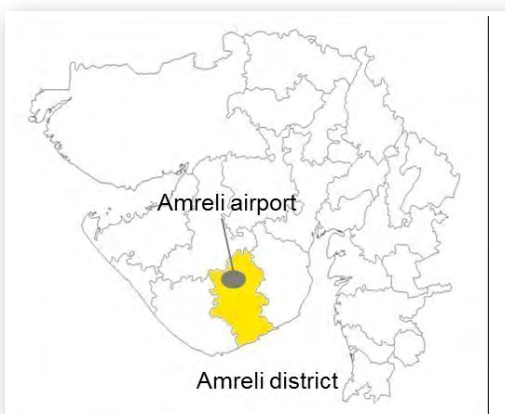
## Project location and size

|                             |   |
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| <b>Location</b>             | Amreli – Amreli is 100 kms southeast of Rajkot, Gujarat. The altitude of the drop zone is approx. 128 m (420 ft) above sea level. |
| <b>Location coordinates</b> | 21°37'17"N 71°13'34"E   |
| <b>Airfield area</b>        | 5,70,300 sq. m (140.92 acres)   |
| <b>Airstrip length</b>      | 1.26 km   |
| <b>Nearby cities</b>        | Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Surat  |

## Project site – Amreli airport



## Location details – Amreli, Western Gujarat



**Total area of Amreli district** 7397 sq. km

**Population of Amreli district** 1.5 million

**Administrative HQ** Amreli city

**Administrative units** Sub-districts – 11, Towns – 10, Villages – 616

# Tourism Scenario in Gujarat

**World's tallest Statue**

Statue of Unity (Kevadiya)



**World's only home for Asiatic Lions**

Gir Forest



**Asia's longest Ropeway**

Girnar Ropeway



**India's 1<sup>st</sup> UNESCO World Heritage City**

Ahmedabad City



**World's oldest dock & India's 1<sup>st</sup> port city**

Lothal



**Ancient Indus Valley Civilization**

Dholavira



**Blue Flag Certified beaches in India**

Shivrajpur beach (Dwarka)



**India's first seaplane service**

Sabarmati Riverfront to Statue of Unity



**1<sup>st</sup>**

Rank for foreign tourist arrival in 2022

Rank for domestic tourist arrival in 2022

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**18%**

Gujarat's tourism industry growth per year

Increase in State's tourism budget

**~270%**

**~15 Cr**

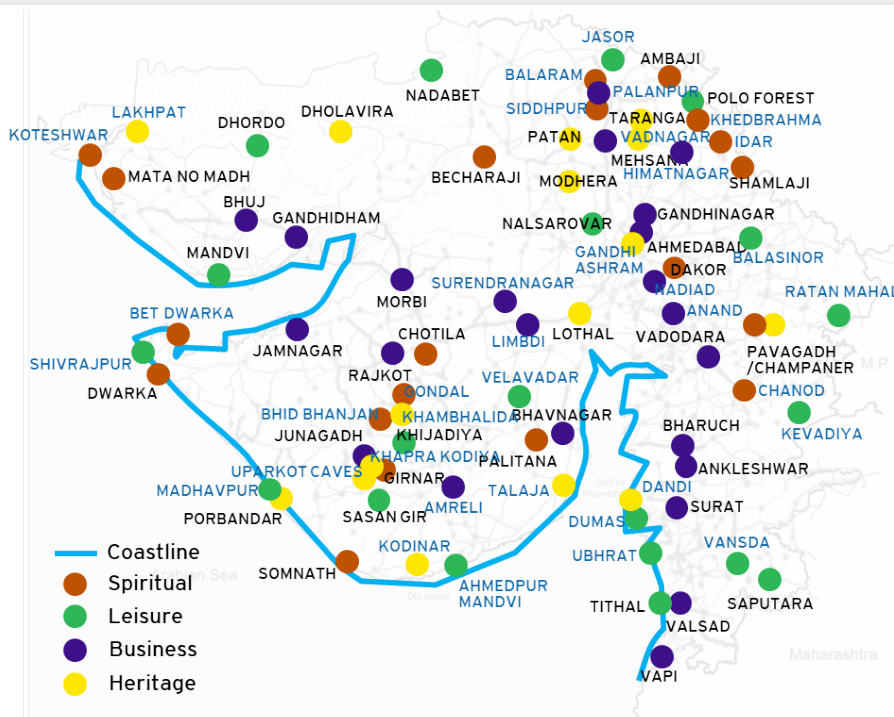
Tourist Footfall in FY 23

GSDP contribution of tourism to Gujarat's economy

**~6%**

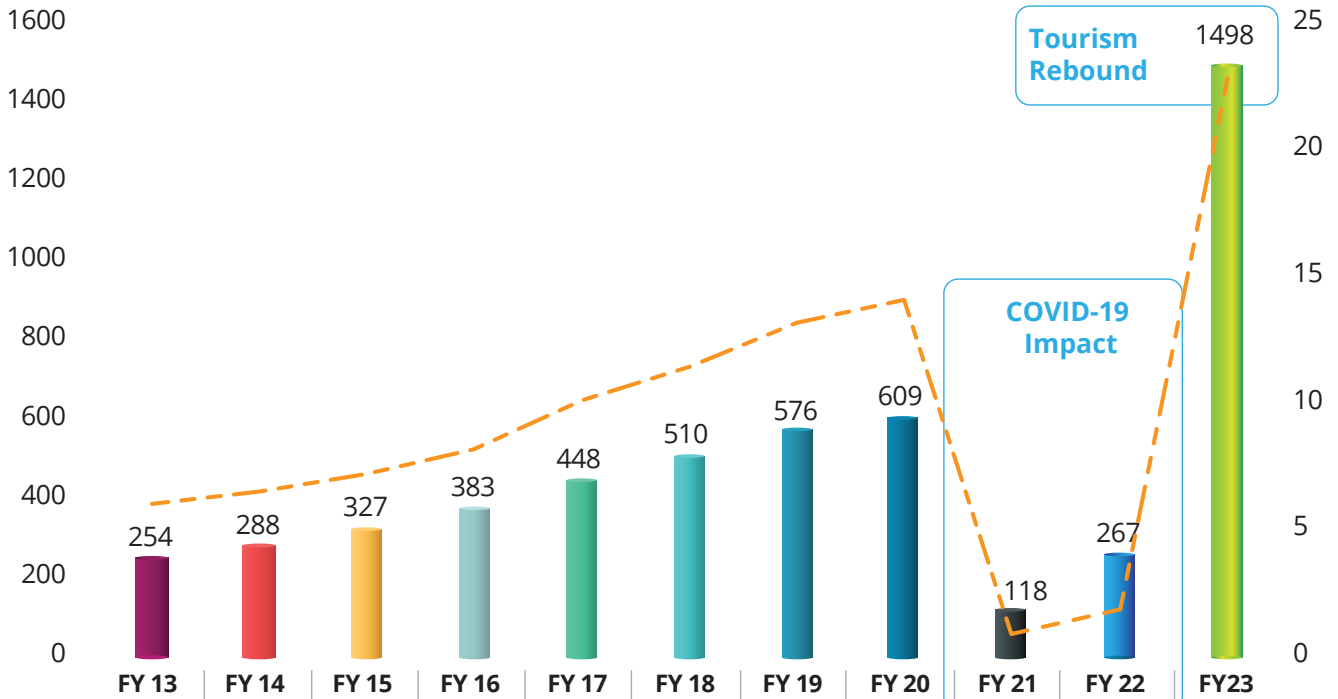


Emerging Market MICE, Adventure & Eco-tourism Hotspot for Business, Spiritual, Heritage and Leisure



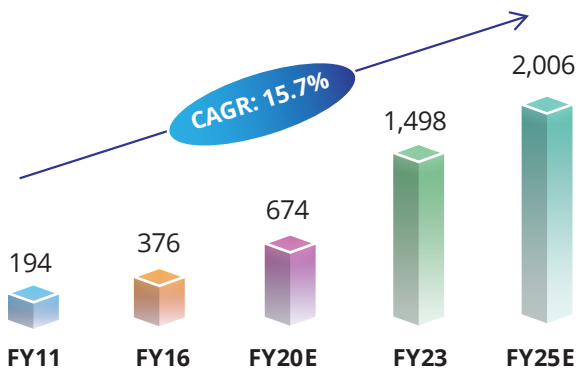


## Tourist Flow in Gujarat FY 13 to FY 23 (in lacs)

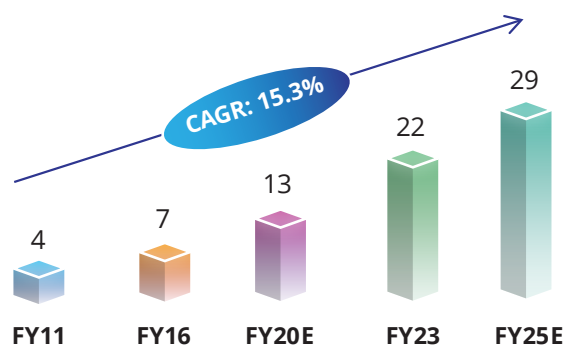


## Gujarat stands at an excellent business opportunity for domestic and international tourists

### Domestic Tourists (in lakhs)



### International Tourists (in lakhs)



- The total flow of tourist is expected to record an increase over the years
- This is attributed to the growing prominence of the state as a major business hub.
- Gujarat contributes 6% to the total GSDP in FY23 and is expected to grow by ~6 CAGR till FY25.

- The business is expanding both in terms of turnover and boundaries and therefore contributions total investments by Gujarat are expected to increase.
- Gujarat is expected to generate 3 million+ jobs in tourism by 2025.

# Incentives offered by the state

## Approvals Required

- Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) approval
- Acquisition of land from concerned office /owner
- No objection certificate from Gujarat Pollution Control Board
- Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest and Government of Gujarat (State Impact Assessment Committee)
- Arrangement of power with zonal distribution company
- Arrangement of water with concerned municipal corporations
- Local body clearances/ Any other clearances required

**Government of Gujarat has granted Industry status to Tourism sector to boost the industry.**

| Quantum of Capital Subsidy to the Eligible Tourism Units   |  |
|--|--|
| For Eligible Tourism Units   | Percentage of Eligible Capital investment          |
| Hotel & Resort   | 20%  |
| Theme/ Amusement Park & Integrated tourism destination theme park, Wellness Resort, Convention centre, Tourism hospitality & training institute, Apartment hotels, tented/ container accommodation | 15%  |
| For Tour Operator/ Hotels/ Wellness Resorts & Others   |  |
| Purchase of adventure tourism equipment  | 15% up to INR 15lakhs                              |
| Purchase of river cruise/ boat   | 15% up to INR 25 lakh                              |
| Purchase of Caravan  | 15% up to INR 10lakhs                              |
| Purchase of E-vehicles   | 15% up to INR 2 lakhs                              |
| Setting up of new offices in Municipal Corporation areas,<br>Other than Municipal corporation areas  | 5% up to 3 lakhs/ annum<br>7% up to 5 lakhs/ annum |







## Interest subsidy to the eligible tourism units & Service Providers

- @5% of the loan amount with maximum amount or INR3 lakh per annum for a period of 5 years, whichever is lower in Municipal Corporation areas for eligible tourism units
- @7% of the loan amount with maximum amount or INR5 lakh per annum for a period of 5 years, whichever is lower in the areas other than mentioned above.

## Other Exemptions

- Luxury Tax - 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial operation
- Entertainment Tax - 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial operation
- 100% exemption from electricity duty for a period of 5 years (New Tourism Projects).
- 100% reimbursement of stamp duty and registration fee shall be provided to New Tourism Units

## Support for Sustainable Tourism

- Assistance to eligible tourism units up to 50% of the certification fees paid or INR10 Lakh whichever is lower for Green Building Certification to Tourism Project/Units and for Global Sustainable tourism certification it is 50% of the certification fees paid or INR5 lakh whichever is lower.

## Special Incentives

### Private Player:

- Capital subsidy of 25% on eligible capital investment for setting up public charging stations for EV, up to 10 lakh

## Key Contacts

CELEBRATING



VIBRANT GUJARAT

**Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited**

 <http://www.gujarattourism.com/>

**Department of Tourism, Gujarat**

 <http://www.gujarattourism.com/>

**Industries and Mines Department, Gujarat**


 [www.imd-gujarat.gov.in/](http://www.imd-gujarat.gov.in/)

**iNDEXTb - Industrial Extension Bureau**

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