

Ministry of Tourism



Safety And Digital Facilities for Tourists in Dahod, Gujarat

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Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products including handling of safety related issues is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' scheme complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds etc.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' has also sanctioned projects with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The components sanctioned under the above-mentioned schemes are primarily those related to facilitation of tourists and visitor including digital interventions and may cover those related to tourism core products such as tourist facilitation centre, interpretation centre, tourism activities, health

sanitation & safety, connectivity, parking, general site development, soft interventions etc. The Ministry of Tourism has included an illustrative list of components in the scheme guidelines of Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

Ministry of Tourism has formulated guidelines for setting up of MICE Promotion Bureaus which have been circulated to all States and Union Territories and has also formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for MICE Industry to promote the growth of MICE industry in the country. Ministry introduced 'Meet in India' as a specialized sub-brand within the 'Incredible India' campaign. This sub-brand aims to enhance promotional initiatives, showcasing India as an appealing MICE destination equipped with top-tier connectivity, cutting-edge infrastructure, a vibrant knowledge hub and a plethora of distinctive tourist attractions.

The Ministry has developed a comprehensive Digital MICE Catalogue, highlighting infrastructure and facilities across 60+ Indian cities that successfully hosted G20 meetings during India's presidency. This resource catalogue is designed to support global and national MICE planners in organizing events in India, while promoting Indian cities as premier destinations on the world stage.

While receiving project proposals under different schemes is part of the process, presently there is no proposal under consideration before the Ministry of Tourism for sanctioning of projects in Gujarat including in Dahod Lok Sabha Constituency. The details of the project sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan, CBDD, PRASHAD and SASCI scheme is as under: -

Scheme/ Sub-scheme	Name of the project/ Experience	Circuit/ Destination (Category)	Year of sanction	Sanction Amount (Rupees in Crore)

Swadesh Darshan	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	59.17
Swadesh Darshan	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	91.12
Swadesh Darshan	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	Buddhist Circuit	2017-18	26.68
Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)	Transformation of Sharmishtha Lake: Light & Culture	Vadnagar (Culture & Heritage)	2024-25	17.29
Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)	THOL: Transformative Tourism, Harmonious Sustainability, Optimized Skilling, Leading Technology	Thol Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	2024-25	9.96
Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)	The Sacred Ocean Retreat at Harsiddhi Shore	Porbandar (Spiritual Tourism)	2024-25	24.66

PRASHAD	Development of Dwarka	Dwarka	2016-17	10.46
PRASHAD	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	Somnath	2016-17	45.36
PRASHAD	Development of Promenade at Somnath	Somnath	2018-19	47.12
PRASHAD	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	Banaskantha	2022-23	50.00
SASCI	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar	Porbandar	2024-25	99.50
SASCI	Tented City and Convention Centre in Dhordo	Dhordo	2024-25	51.56

This information was given by Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha on 9th February 2026.

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