

Last five years' achievements of Urban Development Department, Gujarat State

- Gujarat is the only state where year 2005 was celebrated focusing urban development.
- All the cities were covered under e-governance programme – Central government's silver icon award is bagged by Vejalpur nagarpalika in e-governance.
- For implementation of urban reforms the State Government has introduced area based property tax and double entry accounting system.
- Gujarat International Finance Tech City(GIFT) with the investment of Rs.50,000 crore in 500 acres land with 75 million sq.ft. construction has take off wherein Rs.33,000 crore investment already made in the first phase.
- Gujarat is first to built longest flyover in Surat.
- Gujarat is the first state to award ownership of government housing to women.
- During urban year 2005 almost Rs.1600 crore were spent on the properties for public welfare right from concept to completion.
- Rs.2 lac 5 thousand crore for 313 MoUs were signed during Vibrant Urban Summit 2007 for infrastructure development, economic responsibilities and housing for middle class.
- Rs.98 crore have been allocated under Nirmal Gujarat Mission which focuses clean air, clean water and clean land in Gujarat during year 2007.
- Award of Rs.5 crore would be given away to cleanest city during Nirmal Gujarat Mission under City Beauty Contest.
- Public private participation and private sector investment in Nagar Nandanvan Yojana – a state government initiative of green Gujarat campaign was achieved more than 26 lacs plants with Rs.41.96 crore, which are labeled as Smrutivan, Punitvan, and Nakshatravans.
- Plantation pf more than 11 lakh plants took place as part of Viranjali Van Mahotsav in urban areas.

- Carbon Credit trading has been started with the help of World Bank has been implemented with the concept of Waste to Wealth for the first time in the history of our country and by now work worth Rs. 8 crores has been implemented in carbon credit. This is first ever effort of its kind in urban development in the nation.
- To avail investments from public sector for the first time in the state Pool Finance Development Fund with the help of UTI bank has been started.
- Surat, Ahmedabad and Rajkot has been included in the list of 100 fastest growing cities declared by the World Mayors Conference.
- With the budget allocation of Rs.9.26 crores, Gujarat Government has started Regional planning in urban development.
- Gujarat Government has spent Rs.78 crores to bring back to normalcy of Surat city in the aftermath of August 2006 floods. Other corporations and municipal corporations were also given Rs.58 crore for the same. Even then Prime minister Hon. Abdul Kalaam has appreciated the efficient work done in Surat at the time of flood, in urban summit held at Ahmedabad.
- Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has bagged the Dubai international best practices award for the slum networking project worth US 30000 dollars in the year 2006.
- Surat municipal corporation has developed the first scientific land fill site.
- Rajkot city has done an exemplary work in the use of solar energy. Through the efforts of public participation the city has succeed in promoting use of 8050 solar heating systems and 10000 solar cookers.
- Sabarmati river front scheme is aggressively heading towards completion. It has awarded first by the Prime Minister as a national level innovative ideas/architectural concept and plan in urban planning and design.
- Navsari nagarpalika has been awarded by the Crisil for the recharging-revitalizing water bodies in its area.
- With in a short span of a year, more than 8500 schemes has been completed at the expenditure of Rs.600 crores when other 1000 schemes are just to be complete.

- Under Gujarat Urban Development Mission, an implementing state level nodal agency for JnNURM till Sept.2007 total of 121 projects worth Rs.4267.76 crores has been approved of which 44 UIG projects worth Rs.2497 crores, 48 UIDSSMT projects worth Rs.392 crores, 12 BSUP projects worth Rs.1207 crores and 17 IHSDP projects worth Rs.171.76 crores have been on the way of implementation.
- Rs.429.29 crores have been allotted for Infrastructure development in urban area. During year 2001-02 Rs.1360 lacs were spent for infrastructure facilities where as Rs.29021.16 lacs were spent during year 2004-05.
- Public participation with active involvement of private and public sector in state for urban infrastructure development have been on a phenomenal rise during last 5 years and Rs.1610 lacs worth of participation from private sector have been instrumental in formation of traffic circles, crematoriums, etc.
- Rs.60 crores have been spent with the help of public participation on different projects in urban development.
- Nagar Nandanvan Yojana, a state initiative have covered 87 municipalities in last 6 months and have approved Rs.24.54 crores worth projects of greening the state.
- An initiative to make cities pollution free conversion of vehicles into CNG and LPG has been going on in a phase manner. By end of 31st of Aug 2007, 956380 LPG vehicles, 57200 rickshaws and total of 2467710 CNG and LPG vehicles are on road.
- Bus rapid transit system named as Janmarg in Gujarat are implemented in 2 NURM cities of which Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority having share of Rs.4934.32 crores sanctioned. So also Rajkot Janmarg project worth Rs.110.00 crores has been sanctioned.
- State government has come out with a policy for sanitation cess -promotional scheme assistance: all municipalities during Nirmal Gujarat 2007 where each municipalities would introduce safai upkar for sustaining sanitation efforts in the cities. It has been also declared that whatever safai upkar municipalities

would collect during year 2006-07, an equal matching amount would be paid to them by State government as an incentive.

- The tax collection during year 1995-2000 was Rs.475 crore, while tax collection during 2001-07 doubled almost to Rs.900 crore.
- During last three years GoG has allotted Rs.137.45 crores for the solid waste disposal. It includes development of landfill site, door to door waste collection and waste segregation and disposal. By year 2008, Gujarat would be the only state to achieve 100% target in the nation.
- Compared to 10000 urban poor housing built during year 1996-2000, 34100 houses for poor are built during last 5 years and 2,50,000 houses are planned under Garib Samruddhi Yojana in next 5 years, out of which construction of 81300 houses are already sanctioned and in progress. These houses are provided all the infrastructure facilities, water, light, road, toilets etc.
- For the first time 20% of total budget of Urban development department is allocated for creating infrastructure facilities for the urban poor. Government has also mandated an earmarking 20% of municipalities budget for this purpose.
- Low cost sanitation and individual toilets are put on priority under Nirmal Gujarat Mission and 60750 individual toilets are under construction. Total of 80534 toilets are ready for usage under Nirmal Gujarat Mission.
- 1,75,000 toilets are planned in next two years.
- Development of more than 200 town planning schemes for integrated development.
- For infrastructure facilities in urban areas Rs.91.57 crores have been spent under Vajpayee Nagarvikas Yojana.
- Amritdhara Yojana is for providing clean and potable drinking water especially to those municipalities where water scarcity is an age old issue. Under this scheme Rs.87.22 crores have been allocated and each municipalities is given Rs.1 crore and 83 such municipalities have received the amount.

- Rain water harvesting is implemented through correction in common development rules so that water conservation in each and every city is promoted.
- For disaster management Rs.6.60 crores already spent for 70 ambulance van and VHF stations.
- 41 municipalities have developed Gauravpath and 379 kms long Vikaspath in 108 cities worth Rs.161 crores is in progress.
- Integrated Township Development policy has been announced which has been recommended as a model policy by Gol.