

Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation has set up projects to process various agro products, fruits and manufacture pesticides.

Gujarat contributed a large share in the polished diamond exports of \$28 billion (cdn) in 1988-89. The state government provides special incentives for setting up diamond cutting and polishing units in Ahmedabad.

Gujarat has a good ceramic industry and some of the units have started using the latest technology in production.

Over 40% of India's dyestuffs are produced in Gujarat. The basic infrastructure at Vapi, Ankleshwar, and Panoli facilitate setting up of these plants.

Gujarat's share in the country's production of drugs and pharmaceuticals is around 33% and is likely to receive a boost in the next decade.

The production of textiles and other related items still form 33% of the industrial production of Gujarat. Surat city has emerged as a major manufacturer of art silk fabrics.

A major tyre project near Vadodara and more than half a dozen projects to manufacture flat glass, speciality chemicals, nylon yarn, alfa olifines at Vatra near Bharuch are recent additions to the state's economy.

The avenues of growth in the engineering industries in Gujarat are in the fields of machine tools, piston rings, pins, auto parts and precision engineering products.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE:

Ports: Gujarat has one third of the coastline of the country (1500 kms). There are as many as 40 ports of which Kandla is the major one.

Aviation: The main airport is Ahmedabad which is connected with Bombay, Jaipur and Delhi by daily flights.

Free trade zones: The Kandla Free Trade Zone (KFTZ) is the largest in the country. It is located in coastal Gujarat. KFTZ has an area of 700 acres. Exports from here were cdn \$181.1 million in 1988-89. KFTZ products are exported to over 50 countries, but USSR is the main market. Goods manufactured here vary from readymade garments to engineering, chemicals, plastics, sports goods and perfumes.

Industrial Estates: GIDC estates at Ankleshwar, Panoli and Vapi are major chemical estates, where leading companies have established their manufacturing facilities. With more than 171 industrial estates, GIDC offers entrepreneurs support and counselling.