

Airbus eyes Dholera and Mundra as Panther helicopter manufacturing base



Stating that Gujarat is “key” to implementing its India strategy, Airbus Group on Friday said it was exploring Dholera and Mundra as potential sites for setting up a base for manufacturing Panther helicopters.

“The state of Gujarat is very strategic to Airbus. Being number one in the ease-of-doing-business, Airbus sees Gujarat as a key in implementation of its India strategy... We are currently collaborating with the state (government) to develop an aerospace ecosystem at Dholera,” said Ashish Saraf, vice-president, industry development, strategic partnerships and offsets, Airbus Group India Pvt Ltd. Dholera is located about 150 kilometres from Ahmedabad city and is being developed as a Special Investment Region (SIR).

“We would like to establish a full-line to manufacture Panther helicopters in India. The Naval Utility Helicopter programme for which we have proposed the Panther, has the ability to create a complete ecosystem of manufacturing, assembly, testing, certification, completion, delivery, maintenance and repair overhaul,” said Saraf while speaking at the conclave on Aviation organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The NUH programme involves deployment of 100 all-weather capable helicopters for the Indian Navy.

Later talking at the sidelines of the event, Saraf said, “Dholera is one of the sites we are looking for a manufacturing base. It is very attractive for us, the reason being its vicinity to the ocean, accessibility to ports and manufacturing base. We are looking at the site to set up some sort of manufacturing. The greater possibility is for helicopters. But we will not restrict it to just that.”

Airbus had signed a MoU with the Gujarat government to set up an “aerospace and defence park” during the Vibrant Gujarat 2017 summit held in January. However, no details were shared. “Mundra could be another site that we could look at in Gujarat,” the official from Airbus said adding that the company was also looking at alternate locations in Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for the Panther helicopters.

Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation who was also present at the CII event said that he has also requested Airbus to set up a Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) facility at Dholera. “I have specifically asked Airbus to set up an MRO facility at Dholera,” Sinha said while talking to media persons.

Dholera airport can become aerospace industry's focal point of development: Sinha



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Union minister Jayant Sinha today said the upcoming international airport at Dholera near here, could become a focal point of development of the country's aerospace industry and would be important not only for civilian aviation, but also for defence purposes.

The Minister of State for Civil Aviation also said that GST might bring down ticket rates in economy class.

"Dholera can be a focal point of development of the aerospace industry of the country. Dholera airport, which is under construction now, will be very important for us for civilian as well as defence use," Sinha, who was here to participate in a CII function on civil aviation said.

"We have to bring in many aeroplanes in the country for the civil aviation sector. We also have to manufacture them here and keep them fit to fly," he added.

The Gujarat government has made available all the necessary things for aerospace manufacturing and MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) facilities at the upcoming Dholera airport, the minister said.

"I have suggested airbus to think about setting up their MRO service at Dholera," he said adding that this would bring lot of high skilled jobs to Dholera.

The minister also said that 12 reputed national and international companies have shown interest in taking over the operations of Ahmedabad airport on PPP (public private partnership) basis.

"We will finalise the operator by September. The bidders, who have registered for Ahmedabad airport, include GMR, which runs Delhi and Hyderabad airport, GVK that runs Mumbai airport. Those who run Frankfurt, Zurich and Dublin airports have also shown interest," he said.

Replying to a question on which other airport was up for bidding, the minister said at present they have just decided to outsource Ahmedabad and Jaipur airports.

"We will think about other airports once these two airports are covered," he said.

The minister said that economy seats rates on flights are likely to come down as they have reduced the GST on it.

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Speaking about Air India, Sinha said a cabinet committee headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will give its suggestions on how to go about the privatisation of Air India.

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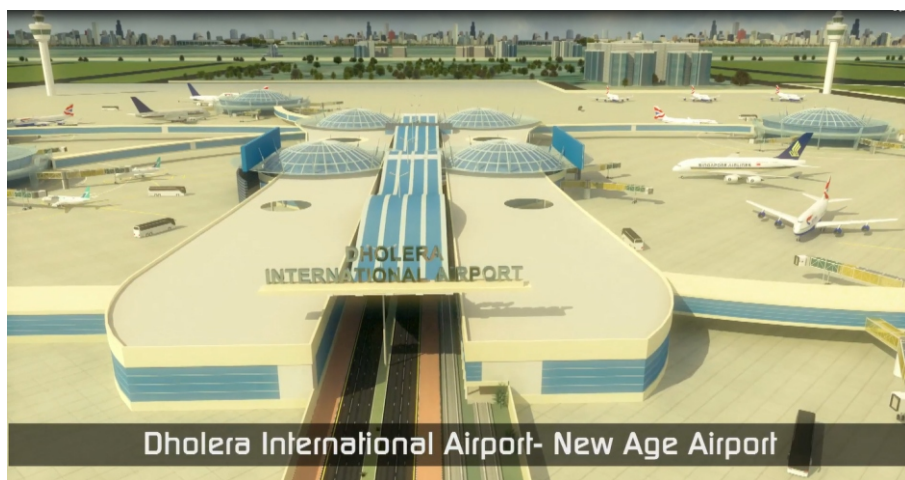


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- MoU Worth **Rs. 621 Cr.** Investment for State of the art mixed used Township Project at Pachchham, Dholera
- MoU Worth **Rs. 56 Cr.** Investment for Residential Township for Affordable Housing to High and Luxurious Villas at Valinda, Dholera
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Signed MoUs Worth **Rs. 3680 Cr.** During Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit'2015

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- MoU Worth **Rs. 512 Cr.** Investment for Mega Industrial Park with Residential and Recreation Facility at Dholera
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- MoU Worth **Rs. 1500 Cr.** Investment for Mega Industrial Park with Mix Use Development of Residential, Industrial & Recreation Facility at Dholera SIR.
- MoU Worth **Rs. 25 Cr.** Investment for Residential Township Projects at Valinda, Dholera.
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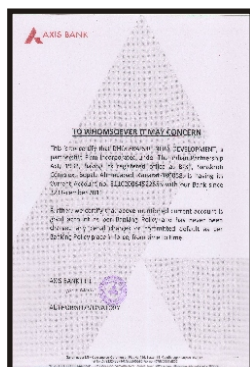
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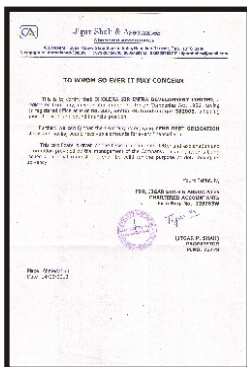
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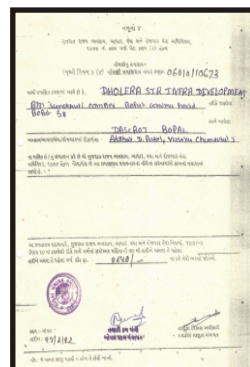
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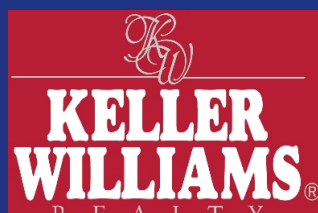


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