Viksit Porbandar Furniture Park Summit

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The Industry Interaction Programme held at Porbandar, Gujarat, on 13 and 14 June witnessed active participation from industry leaders, government representatives, and international stakeholders. The programme was followed by site visits to the Port and the identified GIDC land parcel. It provided a comprehensive overview of the opportunities emerging in Gujarat's furniture manufacturing ecosystem and underscored the state's commitment to facilitating and fast-tracking investments in the sector.

Porbandar: A Strategic Location for Furniture Manufacturing

Port Infrastructure & Export Potential

Porbandar Port handles a diverse range of commodities — including fertilizers, coal, and fish products — and can accommodate vessels up to 50,000 Deadweight Tonnage (DWT). In FY 2025–26, the port facilitated exports worth INR 1,767 Crore (approximately USD 200 Million), underscoring its established trade capacity. This positions Porbandar as a ready gateway for the export of finished furniture and the import of raw materials such as timber, engineered wood, fittings, and hardware.

Gujarat's Coastline: A Strategic Gateway for Timber Imports

Gujarat's coastline plays a pivotal role in India's timber import ecosystem. Bulk timber is currently routed through Mundra, Kandla, Hazira, and Pipavav. Porbandar's proximity to these hubs enables lower logistics costs and faster processing — positioning it as a potential Central Processing Hub for imported wood, a critical input for furniture manufacturing.

Connectivity & Land Advantages

- Part of the East–West Corridor (NH-27) stretching from Porbandar to Silchar, Assam
- Well-connected via NH-51, with strong road linkages to Rajkot, Jamnagar, and Bhavnagar
- Relatively lower-cost land availability, well-suited for a planned plug-and-play industrial park enabling co-location of manufacturers and ancillary vendors
- Upcoming Integrated Mega Shipbuilding Park (IMSP) at Kuchhadi signals Porbandar's growing industrial stature

Land Identification for Proposed Furniture Park

A key announcement during the interaction was the identification of approximately 200 acres of land for the proposed Furniture Park at GIDC, Bharwada, Porbandar — part of a larger precinct spanning approximately 1,914 hectares. The Government of Gujarat confirmed that the park will be developed through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) model with plug-and-play infrastructure. Land will be offered on a lease basis, with further details to be shared with stakeholders shortly.

Programme Highlights

The event featured presentations by the Industries Commissioner and the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), covering the state's industrial infrastructure, policy support, and logistics advantages. The programme was addressed by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Labor Minister, and Shri Arjun Modhwadia, Minister of Science & Technology, Gov of Gujarat and the Deputy High Commissioner of the United Kingdom to Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Industry participants included leading furniture companies such as Hettich, IKEA, and Merino, along with Buying Agents' Associations and local industry bodies, reflecting broad sectoral representation.

The formal programme was followed by an open interaction session during which industry participants shared their perspectives and requirements for the proposed Furniture Hub — providing valuable inputs for the park's planning and policy framework.

Policy Announcement

The Minister informed participants that Gujarat's new Industrial Policy would be unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister the following day. Combined with the proposed Bhavya scheme, the policy is expected to serve as a significant catalyst for industrial growth and investment promotion across the state.

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