



# Sabarmati Riverfront

Reconnecting Ahmedabad to its River

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**Newsletter**

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## Message from the MD's Desk

Dear All,

The 22 kms. of Phase I both on West and East Bank of Sabarmati Riverfront Development Project has created a thriving, people-centric network of Parks, Waterside Promenades, Markets, Cultural and Recreational facilities in the heart of Ahmedabad, making the city's Riverfront a Public Asset.

I am happy to share with you that Sabarmati Riverfront would be shortly commencing its Phase II development of approx. 5 kms. stretch on both west and east side of Riverfront up to Indira Bridge. Our Phase II development emphasizes on creating Green Waterside Promenades to help maintain and aid the ecological balance in the Environment.

Various public centric attractions like a 10 hectare Bio Diversity Park, International standard Sports Parks on East and West Bank and a Smart Multi Level Car Park having a capacity of 1000 cars would be open to public by end of this year.

Sabarmati Riverfront would also encompass on the bank of River various iconic developments in the form of world class Commercial & Residential buildings, Shopping Malls, Hotels etc. We would come out with new opportunities for various Developers and Institutions to have their dream project on the bank of Sabarmati River. We are creating the opportunity that fosters sustainable development and contributes to socio-economic development. I am pleased to share an update on Sabarmati Riverfront Development Project. I hope the same would provide you an overall view of various developments happening at this one of its kind project.

**Managing Director**



**Shri Mukesh Kumar**  
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**Highlights**  
Sabarmati Riverfront

### Existing Facilities

#### Ashram Baug

Flower Park

#### Children Park

Tree Plantation through Miyawaki Method

#### Various Ghats

Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Statue

#### Riverfront Food Outlets

Riverfront Park, Usmanpura

#### River Prominades

#### Boating

Event Park

### Work Under Progress

#### Pedestrian Walkway Bridge

Multi Level Car Parking

#### Biodiversity Park

Riverfront Sports Park

#### B J Park



## Commencement of Phase II development @ Riverfront

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) would be initiating its Phase II development of Sabarmati Riverfront Development Project of around 5 kms. having a total land area of around 120 hectare till Indira Bridge. Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd. (SRFDCL) will construct assets of public infrastructure like Lower Promenade, Roads, Street Lights, Storm Water Line etc. and also create more Green spaces for the welfare of the people of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar.

On Western side i.e. from Torrent Power to Indira Bridge and on Eastern side i.e. from Shahibaug Daflana to Indira Bridge, a Road network would be developed by SRFDCL which would decongest the traffic and would increase the convenience of people on both the sides and also reduce the load on Airport traffic.

A Memorandum of Understanding would be executed between the Defence Estate officer, Gujarat Circle Ahmedabad Cantonment on behalf of Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, President Cantonment board on the one hand and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation on the other side for Phase II development.



## Sea Plane @ Riverfront

Regional connectivity as well as Tourism is set to get a major boost in Gujarat, as Seaplane operations are likely to begin from Sabarmati Riverfront. Creating a Water Airport is a radical step, which would then connect the Sabarmati Riverfront with important tourist destinations in Gujarat. An aerodrome will be build for Water Airport. Travel time between Ahmedabad and Statue of Unity at Kevadia will be reduced to around 50 minutes instead of three and half hours taken by road.







## Biodiversity Park @ Riverfront

Biodiversity is the foundation of ecosystem services to which human well-being is intimately linked. We at Sabarmati Riverfront very soon would be inaugurating a 10-hectare Biodiversity Park which is at the edge of Vasna Barrage and near to Ambedkar Bridge.

The Park has been designed as a wild forest and houses around 7,000 trees of over 120 species brought from different parts of the country. This is the first of its kind park in the busiest city area which would provide a peaceful environment to Amdavadis. Different Trees species such as Sea Grape, Mulberry, Betel, Seven-Son, Khaya and Date Palm, which were not seen in Ahmedabad can be spotted here.

The park also houses 35 species of birds, including native and migratory birds, such as boot-headed Eagle, Egrets, Ibis, white-throated Kingfisher, purple Swamphen and Sparrows. The park has also become the home for many types of butterflies and dragonflies.

This Park will give the citizens a space to find 'solitude', away from the humdrum of city life.



## Miyawaki Tree plantation @ Riverfront

Urban forestry is the new thrust area to increase the green cover in the city. Sabarmati Riverfront through Miyawaki method (Japanese method) has planted in total about 91,000 trees along the bank of River, to ensure greening of areas along the waterfront. Various variety of native Trees has been planted like Neem, Gooseberry, Mulberry, Singapuri Cherry, Casuarina, Cordia, Jamun, India Almond, Tamarind and will also have many endangered species.

Also, tree plantation through Miyawaki method grows saplings 10 times faster and the forest is 30 times more dense. The more Greener the city is, more Healthier world we have.



## Bird friendly Riverfront

Sabarmati Riverfront, a popular hangout destination for Amdavadis is also a favoured destination for several species of birds. The presence of so many Birds signifies the quality of water in the River and availability of food for them in the River.

Riverfront witness more than 120 species of native and migratory Birds. Among those who are regularly seen are Flamingo, Heron, Egrets, bronze wing Jacana, grey headed Swamphen, Purple Sunbird, ruddy Shelduck, Lapwings, Owlets, grey Francolin, Eagles, Kites, Shikras, Rosy Starlings, house Crows etc. Riverfront has become a new destination for Bird lovers to visit.





## Events @ Riverfront

Sabarmati Riverfront provides the reason to enjoy different events near the bank of the river. Many events are being organized round the year for Amdavadi people. Major events that have been organized this year are Flower show and Kite Festival.

### Flower Show 2020 @ Riverfront

This year, it was 8th edition of Ahmedabad Flower Show at Sabarmati Riverfront showcasing the extravagant Riverside Garden attraction full of colorful floral sculptures. The event was organized from January 4th to 21st, 2020 and was inaugurated by Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Vijay Rupani.

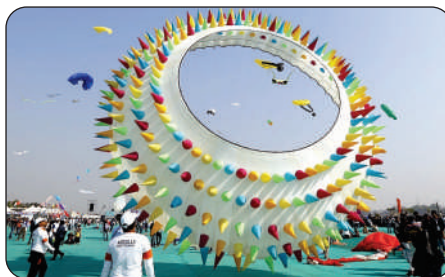
In this flower show there were different themes with a message to the people. One of the theme was dedicated to the 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with Charkha. Also, in order to create awareness against Malaria the Flower Show also had 8 feet high Mosquito statue. Other themes and sculptures were of Lord Hanuman Flower Statue, Sports games zone, and more than 60 other attraction. It had covered a vast display space for more than 750 species of flowers like English Roses, White Roses, Orchids, Ranunculus, Lilum, Petunia and Dianthus to name a few. There were various Selfie point theme having installations of Butterfly, Flying Fairy and I Love Amdavadi. This time Flower show has witnessed more than 6 lakh visitors in all.



### Kite Festival 2020 @ Riverfront

Since 1989, the city of Ahmedabad has hosted the International Kite Festival as part of the official celebration of Uttarayan, bringing master kite makers and flyers from all over the world to demonstrate their unique creations and wow the crowds with highly unusual kites. The International Kite Festival in Ahmedabad is among the most prominent event that is being celebrated every year in Gujarat. Sabarmati Riverfront, where the main event takes place, becomes an abode for visitors from all over the world.

The event brings together international teams of professional kite-flyers, along with thousands of kite-enthusiasts from around the city, against the backdrop of a regional food, arts and crafts mela. Thousands of people have visited Kite Festival this year. The event has promoted lot of tourism and highlighted the culture of the state.



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