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Infra, development boost for South Gujarat

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Surat: To develop world-class infrastructure in South Gujarat as part of the Surat Economic Region (SER), finance minister Kanu Desai in his budget speech on Thursday said that 56 projects have been conceived. These aim to boost industry, tourism, roads and infrastructure across the six districts of Surat, Bharuch, Valsad, Navsari, Tapi and Dang.

Rs 50 crore was allocated for hotels and beach resorts, the Parsi circuit, cruise tourism, beach hotels, theme parks and ecotourism in the Surat Economic Region.

Facilities like Ahmedabad's Medcity are being created in Gandhinagar, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot. The government has nearly completed developing these facilities. A provision for Rs 231 crore for cardiac, kidney, and urology services in Surat, cancer and cardi-



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The FM made a provision of Rs 100 crore for the State Clean Air Programme for Jamnagar, Junagadh, Bhavnagar, Gandhinagar and Bharuch-Ankleshwar, alongside the existing Clean Air Programme in Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot.

On issue concerning industries in South Gujarat, a provision of Rs 785 crore for ongoing deep-sea projects at Ankleshwar, Sarigam, Vapi and Surat, as well as for new projects in Ahmedabad, Jamnagar and Saykha, was made.

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The FM announced the setting up of modern laboratories for testing food and drugs in Valsad, along with new centres in Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar, Junagadh and Mehsana. For the laboratories, Rs 28 crore has been allocated. A provision of Rs 198 crore has been made to strengthen cancer treatment facilities. The government made a provision of Rs 523 crore for the improvement and strengthening of 63 roads connecting industrial areas and quarries in the state, including parts of Valsad district.

The government announced Rs 300 crore for the Raw Water Supply Pipeline Project in Navsari on PPP basis in collaboration with the Union textile ministry under PM MITRA Park. A provision of Rs 350 crore has been made for door-to-door solid and liquid waste disposal and public space cleaning in 371 villages across 11 talukas of seven districts under Mirmal Gujarat-2.0.

the work on the Surat Metro Rail project was completed, the finance minister announced an allocation of Rs 2,730 crore for the Surat Metro and Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro. "The provision is made to ensure that citizens can access fast, reliable and modern rail-based public transport services," Desai added.

For high-speed corridors that have heavy traffic, Rs 278 crore has been proposed for the Surat-Sachin-Navsari, Ahmedabad-Dakor, Vadodara-Ektnagar, Rajkot-Bhavnagar, Mehsana-Palanpur and Ankleshwar-Rajpipla routes. For the multi-modal transport hub, Rs 185 crore was proposed.

The FM announced that expansion of Surat airport will be undertaken in collaboration with the Centre. An allocation of Rs 210 crore has been made for the expansion of Surat, Vadodara, Bhavnagar and Porbandar airports, along with the development of a gre-