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Modern infra planned for 5 proposed satellite towns

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Gandhinagar: The state govt on Friday invited expressions of interest from urban planners to prepare master plans for the development of five satellite towns adjoining the major cities of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Gandhinagar, Surat and Rajkot.

The state govt said that the satellite towns will have metro-like facilities by 2030 to reduce the pressure on major cities. The proposed



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satellite towns are Sanand for Ahmedabad, Savli for Vadodara, Kalol for Gandhinagar, Bardoli for Surat and Hirasar for Rajkot.

"The state govt invited urban planners to prepare master plans for these cities and initiated the process of appointing planners through tenders.

By 2030, the state plans to equip these towns with metro-like facilities and strengthen their economic capacity, thereby reducing pressure on major cities," an official statement said on Friday.

A satellite town is a town located near a major city, reachable within an hour, which will create new employment opportunities and be equipped with world-class infrastructure and citizen-centric facilities on a par with the major city located beside it.

The statement said that

the towns will have state-of-the-art infrastructure, well-organized public transport with electric bus services, advanced water supply and waste management systems, ring roads, urban forest parks, scenic lakes, model fire stations, and mixed-use infrastructure with offices, homes and shops nearby.

"To achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 and accelerate the holistic development of every state, PM Narendra Modi envisioned the strategic growth of Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Building on this vision, the state govt decided to develop five towns of Gujarat as satellite towns," the statement added.