

# Shah inaugurates Seema Darshan Project on Gujarat's border with Pakistan

Nadabet will enable people to see a parade like the one at the Wagah-Atari border

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# The News

- Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the **Seema Darshan Project** at Nadabet in the border district of Banaskantha in Gujarat.
- The facilities at Nababet have come up at a cost of Rs 125 crore that will enable people to explore border tourism in Gujarat.

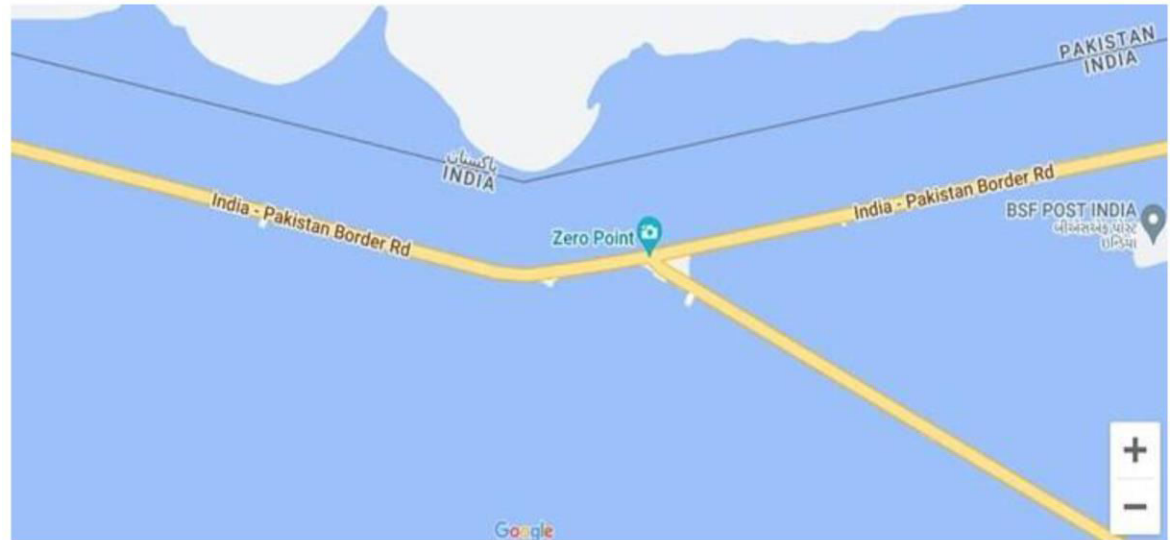
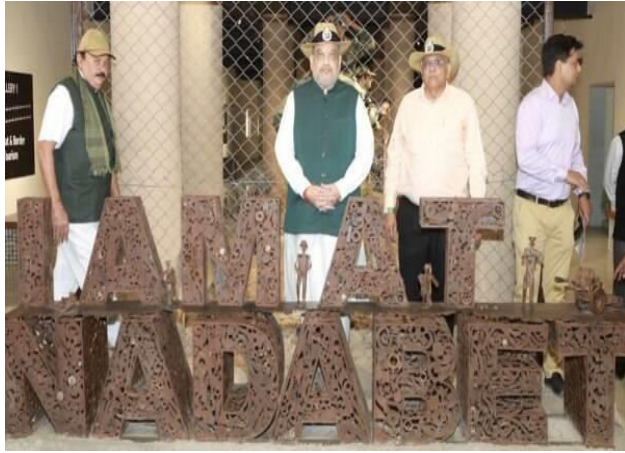


# *What is the Seema Darshan project?*

- The Seema Darshan project was first inaugurated by former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani in December 2016.
- The Seema Darshan project is a joint initiative of the tourism department of the state government and the BSF Gujarat Frontier, **where the focus is to develop border-tourism in the region which has a sparse population and even sparser vegetation.**
- The biggest attraction of the Seema Darshan project has been unveiled which will provide access to civilians to view the fenced international border **with Pakistan at 'Zero Point'. This is guarded round the clock by the Border Security Force (BSF) in Banaskantha district of Gujarat.**

# Zero Point - Nadabet

Indo-Pakistan border viewing point in Nadabet in Gujarat, around 188 km from Ahmedabad



Zero Point is about 25 km north from the T-point near the India-Pakistan border. (Source: Google)

# Nadabet - Wagah of Gujarat

- Nadabet is called as the 'Wagah of Gujarat'. It has been developed as border tourist location under Seema Darshan project.
- There is a difference between Wagah & Nadabet. At Attari-Wagah border point in Punjab, BSF on our side & Pakistan army on their side conduct retreat at evening.
  - At Nababet, there won't be anyone present across the border on the Pakistani side but India will conduct retreat in an open-air auditorium that will have the capacity to seat 5,000 persons.
  - Apart from a retreat ceremony, the place offers adventures like rock climbing, rappelling, rifle shooting, zipline and other activities. It also has war exhibits like the MIG-27 used in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, battle tanks, and an aircraft positioned on the road near the border.
  - There is also a viewing gallery, selfie points near field guns, and a museum to learn about the history of BSF.



# Attari-Wagah



# Response to Nadabet T-Junction

- According to Gujarat govt officials, on weekdays, there are around **4,000 visitors visiting Nadabet, while on the weekends, this number goes up to 10,000-20,000.**
- **There is a nominal entry fee of Rs 100 for adults and Rs 50 for children above the age of two. The border visit timings are from 9 am to 7 pm.**
- Currently, there are no facilities for tourists to stay overnight. It is believed that the place will generate five lakh jobs over next 10 years and shall also have night halt facilities.

# Nadabet & History

- According to BSF officials, Nadabet played a key role in the 1971 Indo-Pakistan War.
- It was in this region that the BSF not only stalled the enemy trying to invade from the west, but also captured 15 enemy posts.
- At Nadabet, there are maps showing the movements of the BSF battalions capturing enemy positions during the war. During the war, the BSF had captured 1,038 square km of Pakistan territory in Nagarparkar and Diplo areas. The area was returned to Pakistan after the Shimla Agreement was signed.





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