

# CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## PRESS BRIEF

In commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India shall dedicate grand and iconic '**National Salt Satyagraha Memorial**' constructed by the Central Public Works Department at Dandi, Gujarat to the Nation on January 30, 2019. This beautiful Memorial spread over an area of 15 acres near sea coast at Dandi, Navsari, Gujarat, shall be a true honour and tribute to the Father of the Nation - Mahatma Gandhi and the 80 Marchers.

This State of the Art Memorial has unique features such as 40 metre high crystal tower with crystal made in glass - symbol of importance of salt, resting over hand shaped structure, 5 metre high statue of Mahatma Gandhi standing over granite rock monoliths in natural shape and finish, artificial lake created in an area of about 14000 Sqm and 24 narrative murals supported on blocks of granite monoliths in natural shape and finish, depicting the journey of the Salt Satyagraha Marchers.

The lush green Memorial will be lighted through the renewable energy resource with 180 KW (Peak) solar power generation through PV modules on 41 trees shaped structure with 12 leaves on each tree. The Memorial has the facilities such as buildings for salt making activities, display of art work, community hall, library, audio visual room, services block with pathways and plantation of 450 trees with beautiful landscape and greenery in an area of about 7 acres.

This prestigious work entrusted to CPWD by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India has been completed by the dedicated team of CPWD in 20 months' time well within the sanctioned amount of Rs. 72.23 crores. CPWD addressed the unique inherent challenges during construction of the National Memorial.

This beautiful Memorial shall be a land mark to inculcate the values of Mahatma Gandhi, a great tourist attraction and bring about valuable transformation of the place, chosen by Mahatmas of the Namak Satyagraha.

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**National Salt Satyagraha Memorial at Dandi, Gujarat**