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सदस्य

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The Government of Gujarat has taken following steps regarding the infra-structural requirements at Udvada as per their Official intimation to me on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 :

- 1) To stop soil erosion a wall is under construction between Udvada and Kolak.
- 2) Illegal disposal of soild waste is stopped by Prant Officer, Valsad. A tractor has been purchased by the Village Panchayat for this purpose.
- 3) The Collector is directed to do the Project of Water Supply and Sewage on top priority basis.
- 4) The area of Holy Iransha is declared "No Parking Zone" as well as "Silence Zone" by the Collector.
- 5) Heavy vehicles have been restricted in the vicinity of Holy Iransha.
- 6) Police outpost is established and activated. Regular night patrolling is carried out and hence crime rate is substantially brought down.
- 7) Necessary actions are being taken for preservation of heritage in this Village.
- 8) For traffic control, speed breakers are introduced, zebra signs and signals put up.
- 9) Forest Department has been directed to do the work of plantation on the beach of Udvada.

Besides the above, the following has been carried out in the Village :

- a) Some of the streets are cobbled and Village is looking comparatively clean.
- b) Interpretation Centre is complete and will be operationalised soon.
- c) A garden is created with the help of District Panchayat.
- d) State Transport Buses connect the Village with Railway Station. Daily 28 trips of State Transport Bus serve the visitors.
- e) Unauthorised encroachments have been removed from the Village.

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M. D. BENGALEE

**FOR ATTENTION OF ALL PARSIS VISITING IRANSHAH AT UDVADA**

Friends,

Overleaf, I have given the steps taken by the Gujarat Government to improve the infra-structure facilities at Udvada.

A lot of effort has gone into making Udvada, a village worthy of housing our Pak – Iranshah, both by the Gujarat Government, and the Parsi Organisations, past and present.

On your behalf and mine, I have thanked the Gujarat Government for their initiative and assistance and also assured them that we shall endeavour to keep Udvada village as clean as possible.

While using the facilities, whether it be the garden or the beach, or for that matter, the public utilities of sanitation and transportation, we shall bear it in mind, not to litter around, without thought of those, who would follow us. It is an obligation on each and everyone of us to be vigilant of any wrong doings on the part of miscreants and report the same instantly to the Priest –in-charge of the Atashbehram.

May your visit to Udvada prove to be a pleasant and spiritual experience.

Remember: Without a sense of caring there can be no sense of community.

Yours truly,  
**MEHROO BENGALIEE**