

# **IHCL Announces Signing of Gateway Resort in Kandla, Gujarat**

The Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), India's largest hospitality group, has announced the signing of a new resort in Kandla, Gujarat. This property, a conversion project, will be rebranded as a Gateway resort, further enhancing IHCL's presence in emerging markets.

Suma Venkatesh, Executive Vice President of Real Estate & Development at IHCL, commented, “Kandla, a key industrial hub and port city in Gujarat, offers immense potential for both business and leisure travel. This signing is in line with our strategy to expand IHCL’s footprint in Tier II and III cities across India. We are excited to partner with Sanjay Poddar on this project.”

The 93-key Gateway Kandla resort spans 8 acres and is conveniently located near Kandla Airport, ensuring easy access for travelers. Sanjay Poddar, Director of S Poddar International, expressed his enthusiasm, saying, “We are thrilled to collaborate with IHCL to introduce the Gateway brand to Kandla. We are confident this hotel will quickly become a preferred destination, offering world-class hospitality.”

Kandla, a vital maritime trade hub, plays a key role in India’s industrial landscape, particularly in the petroleum, chemicals, and manufacturing sectors. The city also offers access to nearby cultural and historical attractions, including the iconic Great Rann of Kutch and Mandvi Beach, making it an appealing destination for a diverse range of travelers.

This new addition strengthens IHCL’s presence in Gujarat, bringing the total number of its hotels in the state to 25, including six currently under development. With this expansion, IHCL continues to reinforce its commitment to elevating hospitality in the region.

Guests at Gateway Kandla can look forward to a variety of amenities, including all-day dining and specialty restaurants offering diverse culinary experiences, a state-of-the-art gym, and a swimming pool. The resort also features over 19,000 square feet of banqueting space, ideal for large-scale events such as corporate meetings, social gatherings, and destination weddings.

