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# ASICON

16<sup>TH</sup> National Conference of  
AIDS Society of India **2025**

21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 | Ahmedabad | Taj Skyline Hotel

## Welcome to ASICON 2025

# AHMEDABAD

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

# WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to ASICON - Kochi

The 16th National Conference of the AIDS Society of India – ASICON 2025 will be held at yet another wonderful and convenient venue, Taj Skyline Hotel, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from 21 to 23 February 2025

Arrangements are being made for the anticipated 350 delegates in the physical mode with excellent virtual mode connectivity.

The scientific agenda of the conference will encompass the recent advances in HIV and other emerging infectious diseases. This will include the new PrEP and treatment involving Lenacapavir. With the support of our excellent faculty - both International and National - and well-wishers, we are sparing no effort to reach out to all to make this conference a resounding success and another landmark scientific feast, especially as the ASICON is being hosted for the first time in Gujarat in the 24 years of the founding of our Society and 19 years since we started organising ASICON.

The National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Central TB Division (CTD), International AIDS Society- IAS, WHO, and UNAIDS, among others, will continue to be our academic partners. Infectious Diseases Society of Gujarat will be our new academic partner.

ASI will continue its effort to fulfil the aspirations of our post-graduates and young scientists to showcase their achievements through posters and oral presentations at this conference. ASI will offer scholarships to successful applicants as well.

We hope to welcome you in person at Ahmedabad, the most vibrant state in India – the land of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, for the 16th ASICON.

Eagerly anticipate your participation and  
with best wishes for the season and on behalf of ASI,



**Professor Dilip Mathai,**  
President, ASI



**Dr. Ishwar Gilada,**  
President Emeritus-ASI

# ABOUT ASI

ASI is a professional non-profit membership organization of medical doctors and researchers in HIV/AIDS aiming to promote and disseminate clinically oriented medical teaching and coordinated medical management of HIV disease.

It is registered under the Society's Registration Act 1860 and the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 in 2000 AD with its registered office situated at Mumbai.

ASI collaborates with internationally recognized scientists in HIV/AIDS and focuses on national capacity building. It organizes CMEs in different parts of India and National Conference of ASI annually and these are very well attended. ASI has been accredited by the Maharashtra Medical Council for conducting CMEs, Workshops, Training Programs and Conferences with CME credit hours to delegates and faculty. It plays advocacy and advisory roles at the national, regional and local levels and also collaborates with NACO and National TB Control Programme. It supports / co-sponsors regional, national and inter-national meetings organised by other professional organisations and associations. ASI keeps pace with current times and thus keep expanding its horizons to encompass other emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. ASI manages a discussion forum on its website [www.asi-asicon.org](http://www.asi-asicon.org) and plans to publish a newsletter 'Journal of AIDS Society of India'.

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## NATIONAL FACULTY

National Faculty	Place		
Dr. Alexander Glory,	Bangalore	Dr. Mathai Dilip,	Vellore
Dr. Amin Bipin,	Ahmedabad	Dr. Mothi S N,	Mysore
Dr. Bansal Ruby,	Ghaziabad	Dr. Oommen George,	Mumbai
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Dr. Kulkarni Vinay,	Pune	Dr. Singh Narendra Potsangbam,	Imphal
Dr. Kumarasamy N,	Chennai	Dr. Toshniwal Harsh,	Ahmedabad
Dr. Matto Sanjay K,	CTD	Dr. Patel Ketan,	Ahmedabad

## INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

International Faculty	Place
Dr. Buonaguro Franco	Italy
Mr. Bridger David	UNAIDS
Dr. Dhar Jyoti	UK
Dr. Doherty Megan	WHO
Dr. Mussini Cristina	Italy
Dr. Ngure Kenneth	Kenya
Dr. Rockstroh Juergen	Germany
Dr. Schneider Jochen,	Germany
Dr. Spinner Christoph	Germany
Dr. Vella Stefano	Italy

# REGISTRATION

## Registration Residential

1. National Delegates (All Inclusive)				
S. No.	Occupancy	Till 15 Jan. 2025	Till 15 Feb. 2025	From 16 Feb 2025 and Spot
1.	Single	INR 39000	INR 41000	INR 43000
2.	Twin Sharing	INR 26000	INR 27000	INR 29000
3.	Triple Sharing	INR 20000	INR 21500	NA

## Registration - International Residential

2. International Delegates (All Inclusive)				
S. No.	Occupancy	Till 15 Jan. 2025	Till 15 Feb. 2025	From 16 Feb 2025 and Spot
1.	Single	\$750	\$800	\$850
2.	Twin Sharing	\$500	\$550	\$600

The package is inclusive of 3 nights (nights of 21–22–23 February or 20–21–22 February) Accommodation with Breakfast and Lunches on 21–22–23 February and dinners on 20–21–22 March) at pre-designated area, high-speed internet, admissible taxes and conference registration. Check-In at 1400hrs /Check-out at 1200 hrs strictly.

## Registration - Non-Residential

S. No.	Occupancy	Till 15 Jan. 2025	Till 15 Feb. 2025	From 16 Feb 2025 and Spot
1.	Delegate	INR 12500	INR 13000	INR 14000
2.	PG-Student #	INR 7500	INR 8000	INR 8500
3.	International	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 350

Registration includes entry to Scientific Sessions on all three days, Conference Kit, Conference proceedings, Three Lunches and Two dinners (21-22 Feb)

# Letter from Head of the Dept. /Institute is compulsory

ASI Life Members are entitled to Rs. 1000/- rebate in Delegate Fee or any Package

#### 4. Cancellation Policy

Till 1st Feb, 2025 - 80% Refund (against registration/residential package) will be processed less bank processing charges @ 2% (In case of payment by card). After 1st Feb., 2025 -No Refunds

Conference kit is subject to availability for spot registration. We will accept only cash or credit/Debit card for spot registration. Cancellation requests have to be received in writing to conference secretariat. All refunds will be processed post conference (30 Days)

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The ASICON welcomes submission of abstracts for original contribution and to encourage work that introduces new ideas, concepts and research, deepens understanding in the field, and includes analyses of both successes and failures.

Please read the following Abstract Submission Guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

### **Abstract submission closes: 15th January 2025**

Abstracts can be submitted only online via the Abstract platform on our website [www.asi-asicon.com](http://www.asi-asicon.com) submissions by fax, post or email will not be considered. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact in the abstract text will be reproduced as typed by the author.

**Plagiarism:** The conference organizers regard plagiarism as serious professional misconduct. All abstracts are screened for plagiarism and, when identified, the abstract and any other abstracts submitted by the same author will be rejected. In addition, the submitting author's profile and scholarship application, if one has been submitted, will also be cancelled.

**Ethical research declaration:** The conference supports only research that has been conducted according to the protocol approved by the institutional or local committee on ethics in human investigation. The ASICON Scientific Committee may enquire further into ethical aspects when evaluating the abstracts.

**Abstract submission process:** Before submitting an abstract, authors must create a profile. More than one abstract can be submitted through the Profile platform.

**Abstract structure:** Abstracts must be only in English. Abstracts in all tracks, and without exception, must be structured as follows:

**a. Background:** Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or/and a description of the problem being analysed or evaluated.

**b. Methods:** Describe the study period, setting and location, study design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used.

**c. Results:** Present as clearly and in as much detail as possible the findings and/or outcomes of the study. Please summarize any specific results.

**d. Conclusions:** Explain the significance of your findings and/or outcomes of the study for HIV prevention, treatment, care and/or support, and future implications of the results.

**Font:** A standard font, for example, Arial, should be used when formatting the text. This helps prevent special characters from getting lost or corrupted when copying the text to the online abstract submission form. Ensure that you check the final abstract with the system's preview function before submission, and edit or replace characters as necessary.

**Word limits:** Titles are limited to 25 words. The abstract text body is limited to 350 words. The title or the body must NOT be in UPPERCASE.

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### Recommendations:

- a. Abstracts should disclose primary Findings and avoid, whenever possible, promissory statements, such as “experiments are in progress” or “results/lessons learned will be discussed”.
- b. Use of standard abbreviations is desirable. Place special/unusual abbreviation in brackets after full word the first time it appears.
- c. Do not include graphs and references in the abstract.

The Scientific Committee makes the final selection of abstracts to be included in the conference programme and any communication in regard to influencing an abstract review will not be entertained.

Abstracts can be selected for oral presentation in oral abstract sessions or to be presented as a poster. If you do not wish to make an oral presentation, please make the appropriate selection while submitting the abstract.

**Rule of two:** Each presenting author may submit a maximum of two abstracts at the conference. Should an author have more than two abstracts for submission, a co-author must be named as presenting author for one or more abstracts.

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting (corresponding) author. Please note that only the corresponding author will receive an email concerning the abstract; this author is responsible for informing all co- authors of the status of the abstract. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will receive instructions for the presentation of their abstract.

**Scholarship application process:** Abstract authors interested in applying for a scholarship must complete a full scholarship application, available through the online platform by 6th March, 2025

Only registered delegates are entitled to present the selected posters/papers.

In case of any query, please write to [asi.asicon@gmail.com](mailto:asi.asicon@gmail.com) and please include the word 'Abstract' in the subject line



# SCHOLARSHIPS

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16th ASICON : 21-23 February, 2025

With great pleasure we extend invitation for the 16th National Conference of AIDS Society of India-ASICON 2025 to be held at Taj Skyline Hotel, Ahmedabad from 21st – 23rd February, 2025. The ASICON will feature plenary, debates, symposia, workshops, case presentations, and meet-the-expert sessions with leading clinical experts and researchers as faculty in the field of HIV and other Infectious Diseases. There will be oral and poster sessions primarily targeted to budding doctors and scientists with an interest in the field. The conference will discuss and present the latest developments in diagnosis, prevention and management of HIV, co-infections/opportunistic infections and other emerging infectious diseases. Sessions on recent advances in the vaccine, early treatment, cure research, diagnostics and future drugs will be added strength.

The conference has a faculty with 13 international and 29 national experts. As a part of its continuous effort to enhance participation from young people, from its own resources, ASI has devised an ambitious Scholarship Programme for PG students, junior doctors and young researchers to enable them to attend ASICON and be part of the HIV and ID caring fraternity. Scholarship award will cover partial or full expenditure: registration, travel by train (A/C III tier) or bus and/or shared stay during conference days at the venue hotel itself and meals.

Priority will be given to applicants whose abstracts have been accepted for oral or poster presentation and for those nominated / selected by their Medical Colleges / Universities. Preference will be given to those with demonstrated interests in HIV care and research, their worthiness to clinical practice / research, region they represent, ASI life members and nominees of ASI Governing Council members.

Hence, applicants are encouraged to apply for ASI life-membership ([www.asi-asicon.org](http://www.asi-asicon.org)). Those in recommending position (like dept. heads) will not be eligible for this scholarship.

Certificate of participation will be awarded only after three days of attendance in the conference. In email correspondence [asi.asicon@gmail.com](mailto:asi.asicon@gmail.com), please mention 'Scholarship' in the subject line.

ASI decision will be communicated: 25th January 2025 and will be uploaded on the website. Scholarship Committee's decision will be final.

### **Note:**

1. Online Scholarship submission is open. If unable to do so, send a soft copy (by e-mail) to: [asi.asicon@gmail.com](mailto:asi.asicon@gmail.com) before 15th January 2025.
2. Those submitting abstracts and/ or applying for scholarship, it is advisable to book your tickets in IIIAC right away, to avoid inconvenience later.
3. Scholarships being limited in number, preference will be given to first time applicants, Oral and Poster presenters.
4. Those applicants, who have received scholarships twice from ASI will not be considered.

# PROVISIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Scientific programme is aimed at various aspects related to clinical management of HIV infection and co-infections besides good discussion on latest advances and preventive strategies. It shall comprise of plenary, guest lectures, invited presentations, debate sessions, panel discussions and free papers and case presentations.

## 21st February, Friday

08:00 am - 08:30 am	Registration
09:00 am - 09:30 am	Free Papers – 1
09:30 am - 10:30 am	Scientific Session – 1
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Tea Break
10:45 am - 12 noon	Scientific Session – 2
12 Noon - 01:00 pm	Inaugural Ceremony
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm - 03:30 pm	Scientific Session – 3
03:30 pm - 03:45 pm	Tea Break
03:45 pm - 06:00 pm	Scientific Session – 4
06:00 pm - 07:00 pm	ASI Annual General Meeting (for ASI Members Only)
07:00 pm onwards	Banquet Dinner

## 22nd February, Saturday

08:30 am - 09:30 am	Free Papers – 2
09:30 am - 10:30 am	Scientific Session – 5
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Group Photo and Tea Break
10:45 am - 01:00 pm	Scientific Session – 6
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm - 02:30 pm	Free Papers – 3
02:30 pm - 03:30 pm	Scientific Session – 7
03:30 pm - 03:45 pm	Tea Break
03:45 pm - 06:00 pm	Scientific Session – 8
07:00 pm onwards	Cultural Programme and Dinner

## 23rd February, Sunday

08:30 am - 10:30 am	IAS-ASICON Plenaries
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Tea Break
10:45 am - 01:00 pm	Scientific Session – 10
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Valedictory Ceremony
02:00 pm - 05:30 pm	Thematic Symposia (on request)

# TOPICS

- » HIV Virology: Distribution, Diversity
- » Immunology and Pathogenesis of HIV
- » Strategies for early HIV detection including Early Infant Diagnosis (EID)
- » 95-95-95: Where are we?
- » Exceptions for Where Test and Treat strategy
- » Same Day ART start
- » Pre exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), including Lenacapavir
- » Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP), DoxiPEP
- » Landmark studies in HIV and Implications for India
- » HIV in Women
- » HIV in Newborn, Children, & Adolescents- Challenges
- » Diagnostic Technologies, Issues and Monitoring Tools
- » Point of Care Tests (POCT)
- » HIV Self Testing (HIVST)
- » Role of CD4 in Test and Treat era
- » Role of Imaging in HIV and Emerging Infections
- » Latest trends in Drug Resistance
- » HIV drug-drug interaction and adverse effects
- » Biomedical Prevention
- » Preventive and Therapeutic HIV Vaccines
- » Reproductive options in couple settings
- » Controversies in HIV management
- » Newer ARVs
- » Cure Research / strategies
- » Broadly Neutralising Antibodies (bNABs)
- » Non-AIDS Defining Diseases
- » Tuberculosis and HIV
- » Co-infections and Co-morbidities
- » Bone complications
- » Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
- » HIV and STDs
- » Malignancies in HIV
- » Medico-Legal Issues, Ethics and Laws
- » Lesson from other emerging economies in the fight against HIV
- » Impact of India on the global fight against HIV
- » Debates on Emergent Topic
- » Post-Covid and Long Covid, Covid Vaccines
- » Chasing Viruses – Nipah, Zika, Mpox and other viral infections
- » Emerging Infectious Diseases
- » Climate change and emerging ID
- » Newer fungal infection
- » Viral Hepatitis
- » Role of adult vaccination
- » Integrated services versus stand-alone services
- » Artificial Intelligence

## ABOUT CONGRESS VENUE

# TAJ SKYLINE HOTEL

## AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



The largest hotel of Gujarat with 320 rooms, Taj, Ahmedabad is situated at Sindhu Bhawan Road, near S P Ring Road in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Among the facilities of this property are a restaurant, room service and a 24-hour front desk, along with free WiFi. This hotel is about 25 km from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International airport, 15 kms from Kalupur railway station.

# CONFERENCE CITY - AHMEDABAD

Ahmedabad is situated on the banks of River Sabarmati and is in an illustration of beauty and antiquity. Symbolizing the rich culture of Gujarat this city seats itself comfortably and relishes the pride of being 'India's seventh richest city' Being one of the most spirited city every religion peacefully resides in this city.

## How to reach Ahmedabad?

Ahmedabad is well connected to major cities in India as well as the world.

### By Air



Ahmedabad's airport is known as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport connects all the major cities of India to Ahmedabad. Being an international airport, flights from different countries also arrive and depart from Ahmedabad.

### By Rail



The **nearest railway station to Ahmedabad** is Ahmedabad Junction. It is sometimes also referred to as Kalupur Station. This station connects Ahmedabad not only to the different cities within Gujarat but also to other major cities outside Gujarat such as Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Trivandrum, Ajmer, Dhanbad, Daltonganj, Gwalior, Jaipur, Indore, and Howrah.

### By Road



Road travellers can take NH 47, NH 48, NH 64 and NH 147 to enter the city. Major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Surat and Shirdi are connected to the city via Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (AMTS) which has over 1000 bus stands across the city.

# AHMEDABAD TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



SABARMATI RIVER FRONT



AKSHARDHAM TEMPLE



SHRI SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE



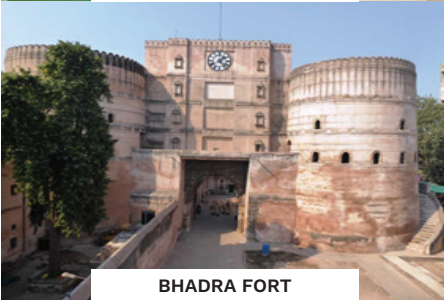
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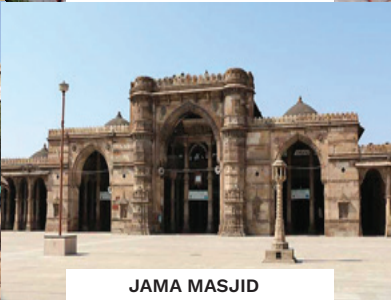
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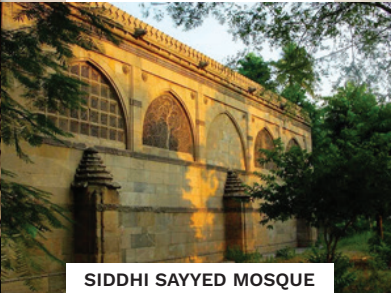
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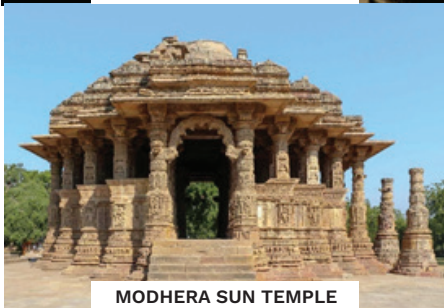
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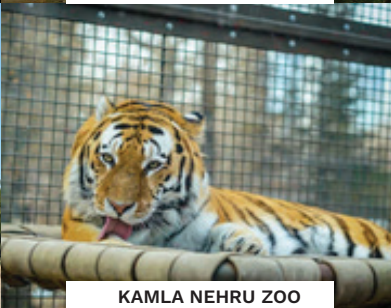
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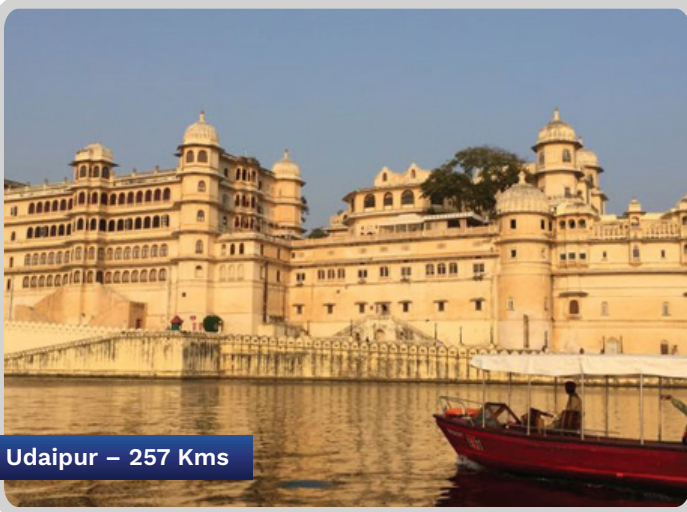


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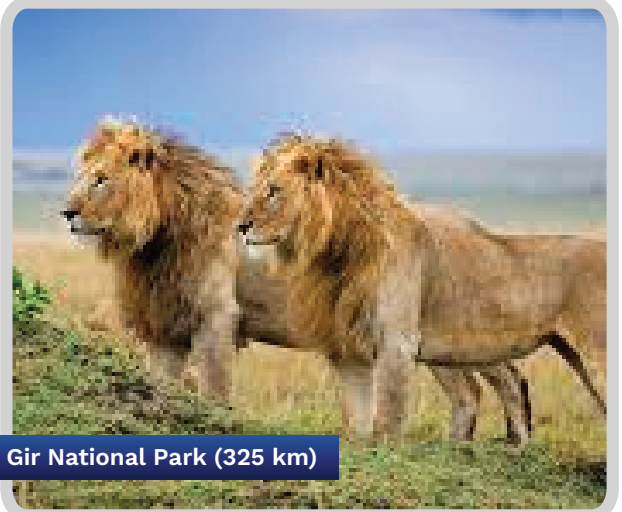


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## IN & AROUND AHMEDABAD



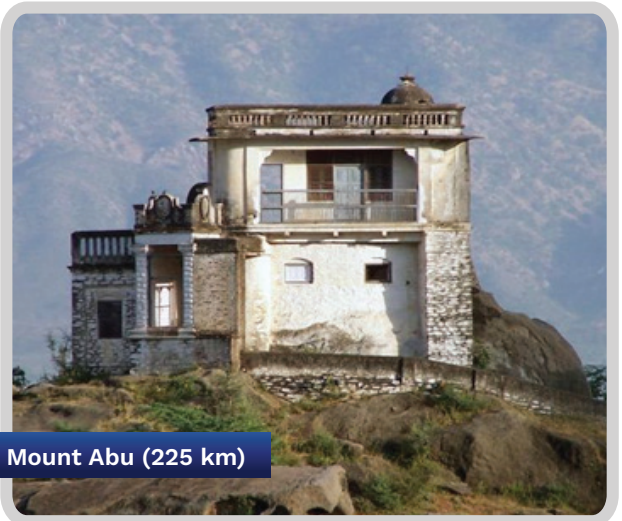
Udaipur – 257 Kms



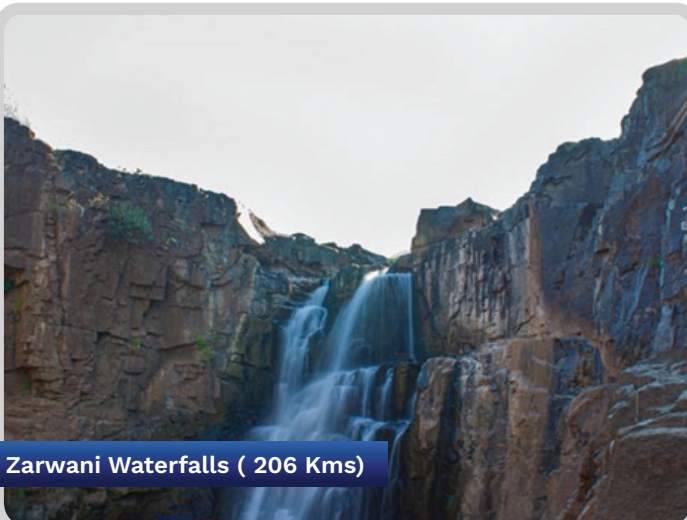
Gir National Park (325 km)



Rann of Kutch (272 km)



Mount Abu (225 km)



Zarwani Waterfalls ( 206 Kms)



Polo and Vijaynagar Forest ( 152 kms)

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