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Prime Minister of India laid the foundation stone for Indian Air Force's new airbase at Deesa in Gujarat's Banaskantha district.



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- Deesa is a greenfield air base.
- It is expected to be operational by 2024.
- The project will be developed in two phases.
 - **Phase 1 of the project** will see the construction of the main runway, the taxi tracks, and the fighter squadron dispersal area.
 - **Phase 2** will take care of the technical infrastructure and accommodation
- It will boost the IAF's offensive capability.
- It will help India **take on enemy aircraft taking off from Pakistan Hyderabad's Mirpur Khas airbase and Shahbaz F-16 airbase in Jacobabad.**
- It can be **used to retaliate against Pakistan in case of a terror attack in Gujarat** and along the southwest region and provide support to the land offensive.
- It will come under the **South Western Air Command.**
- It will also help in **improving surveillance in and around the region.**