

Guj to draw roadmap to help India become \$5 tn economy

Appoints 7-member panel under chairmanship of former Finance Secy Hasmukh Adhia to suggest ways to boost Gujarat's productivity in agriculture, industry and services



(From left) Led by Hasmukh Adhia, the panel will include M K Das, Milind Torwane, Rakesh Shankar, Rahul Gupta and Mamta Varma

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To make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's plan to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 a reality, the state government has set up a seven-member task force to prepare a roadmap for the contribution of the state in the ambitious plan. Former Union Finance Secretary Dr Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed the chairman of the committee.

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Other members of the task force include ACS Ports and Transport M K Das, Principal Secretary Energy and

Varma, Secretary (Economic Affairs) Finance department Milind Torwane, Secretary GAD Rakesh Shankar and Industries Commissioner Rahul Gupta. General Manager of the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board will be the member secretary.

The task force will submit its

report within three months. India would become the world's third largest economy if the target is achieved. Although India is the sixth largest economy in the world, its GDP is quite low compared to other countries. The task force would aim to improve GDP to bring India at par with other developed economies.

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