

Gujarat Earthquake

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- Gujarat witnessed 3 earthquakes within a span of 24 hours. According to the Bhuj seismology department, the magnitude of the earthquake was measured 4.1 on the Richter scale and its epicentre was 6 kms north-northwest of Bhachau. T
- **he epicentre of all three earthquakes has been near Bhachau in Kutch district.** The area has also felt as many as 15 aftershocks since.
- The aftershocks were grouped in and around the **South Vagad Fault (SWF)** that had given rise to the 2001 Kutch earthquake.
- Kutch is one of the rare **intraplate regions** in India that can generate devastating earthquakes of 7.5 magnitude.
- Gujarat has witnessed three major earthquakes in the past with the most devastating being the one in 2001 (Bhuj earthquake with magnitude 7.7), another in Anjar in 1956 and the third in 1918 in the Rann of Kutch.



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