

# VIBRANT GUJARAT GLOBAL SUMMIT 2019 EXCELLENCE REDEFINED

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

## Harnessing business potential

The biennial three-day Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 attracted handsome investments. Around 28,360 MoUs were signed to boost business ties

Vibrant Gujarat has turned out to be a preferred investment destination and emerged as a sought-after global platform in the world for business ventures across the country. The summit has become a melting pot of culture and countries. The biennial three-day Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit saw handsome investment proposals and thousands of MoUs signed among the partner organisation. The summit was a perfect launch pad for Gujarat Sprint-2022 to build 'Gujarat of Tomorrow'. Hailing the Gujarat spirit, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu said, "From textile to diamonds, Gujaratis have made a mark in almost every commercial enterprise because of their hard work and business sense. India, once called the land of culture, has now become the



### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 600 B2G meetings were held on the first two days of the three-day summit.
- The number of meetings held on the first day (318) outnumbered the total number of meetings that took place during the 2017 edition of the summit (260).
- The B2G meetings were requested by foreign delegates from 19 different countries, spanning all the inhabited continents of the world.
- Gujarat's Higher and Technical Education Department, Gujarat Infrastructure Development Corporation (GIDC), Gujarat Forest Department, as well as the Energy & Petrochemical department were some of the most wanted among the delegates for B2G meetings.
- More than 1000 official B2B meetings were held on the first two days of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit.



land of opportunities."

He also released a souvenir on Gujarat's Investor Paradise, a showcase of successful projects to mark the ninth edition of this global summit.

A testament to the global reach and influence of Vibrant Gujarat is that the summits have earned, over the years, more than 39 International Chambers of Trade and Commerce from 27 countries worldwide. Out of 28,360 MoUs signed during VGGGS2019, 77 per cent (21,889) were signed in MSME sector, followed by urban development (1516), power, oil & gas and renewable energy (548), agro and

food processing (408), environment and forest (313), engineering, et al.

Over 42,000 delegates from 135 countries participated in the summit. There were over 3000 international delegations. Seven ministers, 30 ambassadors of foreign nations participated. There were 37 country seminars and some more by six states that includ-

"Gujarat has not only done the branding, but also bonding with the world. We have proved ourselves and now Gujarat has become a gateway to the world. Taking the inspiration from Gujarat now, several states have started organising such summits. National initiatives such as Make in India, Industry 4.0 and Startup India will help the country and Gujarat to become a global market."

The key highlight of the summit was celebration of Africa Day for the first time in the summit in which more than 50 countries participated. The Chief Minister made a special note of the opportunity that this event provides to the MSME sector to access global markets. He also said, "Every successive Vibrant Gujarat Summit has built stronger economic, diplomatic and cultural relations with countries across the world."

Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar was also present at the occasion. Khattar said, "This summit is truly an inspiration for all the other states of India to create a global platform and position them on the world map."

Speaking on this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel said, "All the MoUs and knowledge exchanged during these three days will be used to develop every district of Gujarat. Our goal is to empower each and every individual."

In his closing remarks, Rupani invited all delegates to participate in the next Vibrant Summit. He said, "Vibrant Gujarat is not Gujarat's alone, but is made successful through the efforts of everyone across the globe."

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— **M Venkaiah Naidu**,  
Vice-President, India

ed Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Odisha and Haryana at VGGGS2019. In his address, Chief Minister, Vijay Rupani said

### WHAT THEY SAID

"Transformation of the textile industry of Gujarat is remarkable and inspiring. Textile journey that began with spinning on the Charkha has now established itself as a globally renowned industry. Government's industry-friendly approach has played a key role."

— **Smriti Irani**,  
Union Minister of Textiles,  
Government of India

"Gujarat's Sprint to 2022 is made for the investor in you. Our geographically balanced model of development comprises Special Investment Regions such as Dholera, Mandal Becharaji and PCPIR, and Smart Industrial Cities like GIFT. Projects like the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor and the Dedicated Freight Corridor will ease pressure on passenger tracks and facilitate transfers of goods."

— **Vijay Rupani**,  
CM, Gujarat

"A total of 52 out of 54 countries of Africa were part of Africa Day at VGGGS2019. India has the same population as the African continent. One-on-one meetings helped renew old social and political ties. Collaboration would only help us scale heights globally."

— **Nitin Patel**,  
Deputy CM, Gujarat

"The Gujarat government is aggressively pushing for the minimal use of pesticides in farming without hampering production. It is a self-sufficient state in terms of energy and electricity production. Irrigation is not a concern as there is sufficient water supply."

— **R C Faldia**,  
Minister of Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Fisheries & Transport,  
Government of Gujarat

"The Gujarat government is primarily focused on skill development to train the youth in the competitive world. More than three lakh people have been employed through employment exchange programs in 2018 and more than sixteen lakh have been employed in the last five years through the same. There are more than 120 agreements have been signed for skill development during this Vibrant Gujarat"

— **Dilip Kumar Thakore**,  
Minister of Labour and Employment,  
Gujarat

"Sprint 2022 will help Gujarat become a global business powerhouse. It is a platform and an opportunity for current and future investors to transform socioeconomic infrastructure, healthcare, education and connectivity."

— **JN Singh**, Chief Secretary, Gujarat

"The Indian MSME sector can be strengthened by connecting with global supply-chains which will lead to the opening of new markets. India and Taiwan together can achieve this together and making this a truly symbiotic relationship."

— **James Huang**,  
Chairman,  
Taiwan External Trade Development

"Gujarat has attracted Rs 35,000 crore worth of investments in past couple of years. It's the highest for any Indian state"

— **BK Goenka**, Chairman, ASSOCHAM

### NEWS FLASH

#### TEXTILE POTENTIAL

The concluding day of the three day Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 witnessed a special session dedicated to the textile sector, and was marked by the presence of some of the most influential names in the industry. Addressing the gathering, Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India, Smriti Irani said, "The journey of the textile industry of Gujarat is remarkable and inspiring; something that began with spinning on the Charkha has now established itself as an industry that is recognised all across the globe. The growth that the textile industry has shown over these years is due to the policy-friendly approach that the government has taken. No hikes have been made in the new Textile policy to ensure that the growth of the sector is uninterrupted."



#### LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Department of Health and Family Welfare, Gujarat organised a session- Shaping a New Paradigm in Medical and Pharma Services at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019. Dignitaries like Ashwini Kumar Chaubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, and Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel attended the session.

Gujarat has emerged as a number one state in the utilisation of flagship programme PM JAY by Government of India which is all set to make health sector the largest emerging sector in the country.

The Government of India is working towards betterment of healthcare, said Chaubey. "India has emerged as an effective player on the global front under PM Modi and while the world looks at India, our country looks at Gujarat as a model of development. PM Modi realised the need to take care of more than 40 per cent poor people through the flagship scheme PM JAY. The Central government has planned to make more than 1.5 lakh wellness centres by 2022."

#### MINIMISING CARBON FOOTPRINT

India has ushered a Renewable Energy (RE) revolution steadily and has initiated multitude projects in the sector at state, particularly Gujarat and national level.

On the current and future policy and regulatory issues in RE sector Government representatives and speakers offered the industry's point of view during "Renewable Energy- Opportunities in Gujarat and India" seminar as part of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019, focusing on the theme of Shaping New India, organised by Department of Energy and Petrochemicals, Government of Gujarat.

Giving a national perspective on RE, Anand Kumar, secretary, Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, "In line with the Paris Climate Agreement, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India announced the renewable energy target of installing 175 GW capacities by 2022. We expect that by 2020, it will be around 22% or even more than that."

## Gujarat Sprint 2022



The Gujarat's Sprint to 2022 was an exclusive event that witnessed decision makers and leaders from different fields elaborating on the 'transformational model' designed to make the state 'the Gujarat of tomorrow'.

The event brought to the forefront Gujarat's ability to provide a higher quality of life to its citizens and to those who have migrated to the state for work or

higher education. It showcased Gujarat's investment potential with its well-developed physical and social infrastructure, political stability, holistic educational and medical facilities, opportunities for employment, and robust connectivity.

In his keynote address, the Chief Minister focused on the hard infrastructure of the state as well as the social aspects and the people's welfare.

"Gujarat has one of the highest investment potentials in the country, and is one of the top three recipients of Foreign Direct Investments for the year 2016-17. Gujarat's growth curve has been on a steep rise. The state's GSDP has grown from 1.2 lakh crores in 2001-02 to 11 lakh crores in 2016-17, and would rise four folds to 40 lakh crores by 2030," he said.

Apart from being a 'power surplus' state, Gujarat is on course to become a 'drinking water surplus' state as well.

He said that the government would also ensure affordable and world-class medical facilities to the people through the Ayushman Bharat programme. He added that a focused approach would be taken to promote medical tourism and position Gujarat as a destination for affordable treatment with world-class facilities.

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## RIGHT ON THE MONEY

Focusing on Trade and Exports with a strong push in the manufacturing sector can play a pivotal role in shaping New India to a trillion dollar economy. This was the moot point of the seminar on "Trade and Exports- Making India a Trillion Dollar Exports Economy", organised at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit.

Speaking on the future of export business, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu said, "For growth, it is essential to pay attention to every aspect of the economy. We cannot focus on



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the government of Gujarat and Airport Authority of India for the construction of an airport at Ankleshwar and Dholera. Under this MoU, a greenfield airport will be constructed at Dholera at a cost of Rs 1500 crores. In addition to that, a MoU was also signed for construction and development of the airport and MRO unit at Ankleshwar over an area of 92 hectares

manufacturing alone and think about export later. It is not possible to have a strong economy without taking a holistic approach."

Prabhu emphasised, "India has a potential to be a \$5 trillion economy in seven to eight years, and definitely a \$10 trillion economy before 2035."

Other dignitaries present in the seminar included PVR Reddy, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Gujarat; and Vijay Kumar, Additional DGFT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Gol.

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### Urban Mobility

Keeping in view the growing demand for urbanization and urban facilities in the state, the Department of Urban Development and Urban Housing organized a seminar and lecture series on 'Mobility Led Urban Development' at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.

Speaking at the seminar, Revenue Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama stated that Gujarat has changed the challenge of urbanisation into an opportunity. Chudasama said, "Due to rapid growth in industrial and service sectors over the last one-decade, Gujarat's urban population is now around 47 per cent, according to the 2011 Census figures. This increases the demand for urban facilities even greater."

Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS, secretary, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, sharing on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, said, "The plan tackles transport-related problems in urban areas more efficiently. The policies and measures defined in a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan cover all modes and forms of transport in the entire urban agglomeration, including public and private, passenger and freight, motorized and non-motorized, moving and parking."