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Business Seminar at Bhavnagar to promote Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit

Thursday, 13th November, 2014 | Rangoli Hotel and Resort, Bhavnagar

Press Release

Bhavnagar, November 13, 2014: A promotional seminar on Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit was organized in Bhavnagar to explain and elaborate on the opportunities in Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit. Vibrant Gujarat Summit is a biennial event organized by Gujarat Government to provide a common platform for Knowledge Sharing, Strategic Partnerships and Investment inflows. It brings together business leaders, investors, corporate, thought leaders, policy and opinion makers, and eminent diplomats from across the globe. Six summits held since 2003 have contributed immensely to Gujarat's Growth Story transforming it into a "Global Business Hub".

The business seminar was organized in Rangoli Hotel and Resort, Bhavnagar by Government of Gujarat, with KPMG as the Knowledge Partner and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) as the National Partner. The seminar was also supported by Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation, District Industries Centre of Bhavnagar and Bhavnagar Collectorate.

Mr. T. M. Patel, President, Saurashtra Chamber of Commerce and Industry, welcomed the dignitaries for gracing the seminar and participants for showing such immense interest. He explained that Vibrant Gujarat Summits held so far have immensely contributed in development of Gujarat. He proposed that Bhavnagar should leverage the 7th Vibrant Gujarat for generating more employment through growth of industries. Post the welcome address, an AV film on Vibrant Gujarat was shown to the audience.

Mr. P. K. Solanki, IAS, Collector, Bhavnagar, walked the audience through the journey of Vibrant Gujarat from 2003 to 2013. He showcased the strength of Gujarat across various sectors. He regarded smooth process for setting up new plant and supportive government for making Gujarat the growth engine of India. Moving forward he then elaborated on the Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit and made the participants aware about the major attraction of the summit.

Mrs. Swati Buch, General Manager, Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB), gave a brief presentation on the ongoing projects of GIDB. She elaborated on the latest developments on DMIC (Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor), Dholera SIR and PCPIR (Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region).

Shri. R. P. Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Gujarat, explained how Gujarat has emerged as the industrial hub post the earthquake in 2001. He regarded the entrepreneurial nature of people in Gujarat as the key driver for the development achieved in Gujarat. Further he mentioned that Gujarat has been well known for business friendly environment. Appreciating the contribution by the apex bodies of state government, he pointed out that they have provided the infrastructure necessary to compile such a remarkable growth story. According to him, bold and innovative mindset of people amalgamated with good



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governance has led Gujarat to be the leader in the country. Concluding his address, he urged the participants to take the maximum benefit of Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit.

Mr. Chetan Kamdar, Regional President CII, thanked all the participants for making the seminar a huge success. He specially thanked the dignitaries on the dais for sparing their time. He extended his gratitude to the organizers for providing such an appropriate platform for knowledge sharing and networking.

The seminar was attended by around 250 people, including corporate leaders, prominent representatives from Trade Associations, academics and enthusiastic entrepreneurs from across Bhavnagar.

