

Press Release

Bhubaneswar, November 18, 2014: A government delegation led by Shri Ramanlal Vora, Hon'ble Minister of Social justice and empowerment, Government of Gujarat, accompanied by Shri B B Swain, IAS, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation and Shri Banchha Nidhi Pani, IAS, Collector – Sabarkantha, Himmatnagar, Government of Gujarat visited Bhubaneswar to promote Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015.

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 seventh edition of Vibrant of Vibrant Gujarat Summit will be led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Smt. Anandiben Patel and will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who conceptualized and created this biennial event, and transformed it into the business gateway of India.

A business seminar was organized in Hotel Mayfair Lagoon, Bhubaneswar by Government of Gujarat, with the support of KPMG as the Knowledge Partner and Confederation of Indian Industries as the National Partner.

Shri. Santosh K Mohapatra, Past Chairman – Orissa State Council, Confederation of Indian Industry and Chief Executive Officer, The Dhamra Port Company Limited welcomed the dignitaries. He spoke about the business environment that Gujarat offers for setting-up industry and praised the various initiatives taken by government to provide platform for business all over the country. Post the welcome address, an AV film on Vibrant Gujarat was shown to the audience.

Shri. B B Swain, IAS, addressed the audience with insights into the key strengths & benefits of investing in Gujarat. Further, he apprised the participants of Vibrant Gujarat Summit and about its journey from being an Investors' summit to Global business platform. He detailed the audience on the day-wise schedule along with information about sector seminars and Vibrant Gujarat global trade shows. He mentioned that the Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit is not only a summit for attracting investments into Gujarat but also a platform where all the states and countries can showcase their strengths and business areas.

Finally, he invited all the participants to Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit.

Shri. Ramanlal Vora talked about the progressive impact that Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2013 rendered, with participation from nearly 121 countries with over 2,100 foreign delegates and around 58,000 Indian delegates. He further highlighted the 17,719 Investment Intentions and 2,670 Strategic Partnerships signed in the areas of Technology transfer, R&D, Education, Manufacturing, etc. during the Summit.

He underscored the significance of "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit", representing a "Global platform for networking, knowledge sharing and social and business transformation". He pointed out that starting with no partner country in 2003, the Summit has now seen 8 partner countries viz. Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, South Africa, the Netherlands, United States and Singapore who have extended their support to make this Summit larger than ever. He concluded his address by throwing light on the importance of Gujarat for being a place where industrialization and infrastructure development have kept pace with social and rural development along with urban development for inclusive growth. He further extended an

invitation to everyone for participating in Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2015 and the Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show 15 and be part of this growth revolution.

He informed that the Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show 2015, which will be organized from 7 - 13 January 2015, will be the biggest exhibition held so far with an area of more than 100,000 sq. mtrs. and over 1000 companies participation. With over 10,000 international delegates expected to be present from over 100 countries, this exhibition is expected to be held on the largest scale.

Shri Banchha Nidhi Pani, IAS extended the concluding remarks by thanking the participants of the seminar. He further thanked Shri Vora for his guidance and Shri B B Swain for providing the insights into the state's growth and key strengths.

Later, one-on-one meeting was organized with companies such as AK Power Solution, Odisha Young Entrepreneurs Association, east End technologies Private Limited, Motilal Raghu Rathor Memorial Educational & Technical Trust to name a few.

The seminar was attended by more than 165 people, including corporate leaders, prominent representatives from Trade Associations, academics and enthusiastic entrepreneurs from across Orissa.