

Press Release

Gandhidham, December 8, 2014: A promotional seminar on Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit was organized in Gandhidham 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 at Chamber Bhavan, The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TGCCI) by Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat, Kachchh Collectorate, TGCCI and iNDEXTb (Industrial Extension Bureau). The seminar was supported by KPMG as the Knowledge Partner and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as the National Partner.

Shri. Bachubhai D. Ahir, President, The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TGCCI) welcomed popular leaders as well as dignitaries from the industry to the seminar, and expressed happiness at the success of Vibrant Gujarat summits over the past editions. He also welcomed the attendees of the seminar to participate with great enthusiasm and learn about the opportunities to develop their business in Gujarat through Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015.

Post the welcome address, a promotional video film on Vibrant Gujarat was shown to the audience. Mr. Chaitanya Pawde from KPMG walked the audience through the journey of Vibrant Gujarat from 2003 to 2013. He showcased the strength of Gujarat across various sectors, and the reasons for the state's socio economic success. Moving forward, he also threw light on key economic drivers for Kachchh district; and made the participants aware about the major attractions at Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit.

Shri Mahendra Patel, IAS, District Collector, Kachchh District then addressed the gathering, and spoke extensively about the socio-economic progress Gujarat had made over the last decade. He also spoke about the various business friendly policies implemented by Gujarat, and the role of the Government of Gujarat in this development. Shri Patel informed the gathering that the State Government is in the process of revising a number of its policies, in concurrence with various stakeholders, to ensure sustainable socio-economic development of the state. Finally, he also welcomed the audience to participate and support Vibrant Kachchh 2014 seminar and exhibition, being organized in Gandhidham, from 19-21 December, 2014.

Mr. Amit Chavda, Senior Manager, Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board next delivered a presentation detailing the role of GIDB in supporting the development of Gujarat allied with the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC). He also explained about the Special Investment Regions (SIRs) being developed across Gujarat, especially the Dholera SIR and PCPIR. A video film about the development of DFC, DMIC and SIRs in Gujarat was also shown after the presentation.

Shri Tarachandbhai Chheda, Hon'ble Minister of State for Cottage Industry, Salt Industry and Cow Breeding, Government of Gujarat, delivered the Chief Guest's address at the seminar. He spoke about the progress that Kachchh had made since the Gujarat earthquake and had become a prime industrial destination in not just Gujarat, but also in India. He also praised Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel's far-sighted vision for development, and called upon the audience to support the new Indian Government in making India the growth engine of the world. Speaking on the lines of the 'Make in India' campaign, Shri Chheda also welcomed investors to grow their industry in Kachchh and come

forward with their suggestions to make Vibrant Gujarat 2015 a much larger success.

Shri R K Vasava, General Manager, DIC Kachchh delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the seminar. He warmly thanked all the presenters and participants for making the roadshow a huge success. Shri Vasava also specially thanked the dignitaries on the dais for gracing the occasion in spite of their busy schedules.

The Vibrant Gujarat roadshow at Kachchh thus turned out to be a huge success with participation from around 200 industry leaders, prominent representatives from trade associations, academicians and enthusiastic entrepreneurs from in and around Gandhidham.