

## **Press Release**

**Surat, November 7, 2014:** A promotional seminar on Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit was organized in Surat 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 Samruddhi, Nanpura, Surat 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 Southern Gujarat Chamber Of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and Surat Municipal Corporation.

Mr. Mahendra Katargamwala, President, SGCCI welcomed the dignitaries for gracing the seminar and participants for showing such immense interest. Post the welcome address, an AV film on Vibrant Gujarat was shown to the audience.

Mr. Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Collector, Surat, addressed the audience with key strengths of Surat. He elaborated on the development achieved by Surat in past decade. He further explained that the key driver of growth in Surat is the spirit of the people. He further elaborated that Surat is the backbone of trade and commerce in India. Moving forward he mentioned that the location advantage of Surat has primarily contributed to making Surat as the trade hub. Concluding his address, he encouraged the participants to leverage the business seminar to pave the way to a better tomorrow.

Shri. Ajay Choksi, MLA, Surat, appreciated the concept of Vibrant Gujarat and mentioned that it provides an ideal platform not only to discuss business opportunities but also knowledge sharing. He considered the warm and welcomed nature of Gujarati people as a key driver for immense growth and development of Gujarat. He concluded his address by inviting the participants to Vibrant Gujarat 2015 Summit.

Mr. Dilip Brahmbhatt, Senior Manager, Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB), briefed the audience about the infrastructure present in the state. He elaborated on the present and future plans of infrastructure development. He presented a glimpse of the ambitious infrastructure projects of Gujarat including DMIC (Delhi – Mumbai Industrial Corridor), Dholera SIR and Mandal Becharaji SIR.

Mr. Chetan Contractor, Vice Chairman of 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 120 people, including corporate leaders, prominent representatives from Trade Associations, academics and enthusiastic entrepreneurs from across Surat.