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From 'Make in Gujarat' to 'Make in India'

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The biennial Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summits (VGGIS), the brain-child of chief minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2003 has come of age in 2015. Same Shri Narendra Modi is inaugurating it as Prime Minister of India in presence of global business and industrial magnets on January 11, 2015. The biennial event rightly branded the State as the most attractive investment destination on Global map.

The investment summit started with vision of '*Make in Gujarat*' is now shaping up in '*Make in India*' format. Gujarat demonstrated over the years that how investor friendly initiatives lead to ease of doing business with same executives, same bureaucracy and same democratic set-up and frame-work.

We, as Reliance, have had great deal of participation in all these summits. Our chairman Shri Mukesh Ambani has been in forefront in appreciating such initiatives that may promote business and industry. RIL, of course, did have a significant presence and investment in Gujarat prior to even vibrant era; RIL has enlarged manifold in subsequent years of commencement of vibrant Gujarat. Jamnagar refinery doubled. Our Jamnagar SEZ set examples of success to others, despite MAT, etc.

RIL has pumped in billions of rupees in Gujarat, created immense wealth, provided plenty of employment opportunities and consolidated manufacturing base in Gujarat. Vibrant Summits certainly could be reason why RIL has maximum of its investment in Gujarat.

Narendra Modi envisioned the model of Vibrant Summits on the class, scale and level of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Vibrant Gujarat event has not only brought investment in the State but created brand in itself. Gujarat which was once known as state of chemicals and petrochemicals is shaping into the auto-hub with Sanand posed to become Detroit of India. Critics of Vibrant phenomena may cite number of MoUs that did not materialize, but 61% realisation ratio, 18,000+

projects & Rs 39 lakh crore+ investment in last 12 years because of 6 editions of Vibrant Gujarat Investors Summits is quite unparalleled and unheard of. It is only effect of Vibrant Gujarat Summits that industries have spread in length and width of the State. The phenomena boosted tourism in the State as a spin off economic pursuit.

The Vibrant Summits also provided a much needed platform for knowledge sharing. A number of business seminars and trade exhibitions covering sectors like urban development, education, health care, infrastructure, etc. among others are organized as a part of this event round the clock during the year. The famous PlastIndia 2015, which hitherto happened only in Delhi, is for the first time happening in Gujarat.

Now chief minister of Gujarat Mrs. Anandiben Patel is focusing on development of the State. She has been carrying forward the developmental agenda which as such is of her own liking and taste because she held urban development, revenue and education ministries for a pretty long period.

The 7th edition of VGGIS 2015 with its size and grandeur has enhanced significance, as general secretary of United Nations Ban Ki Moon is making himself available for the event. Moreover, eight countries Japan, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Singapore, South Africa, the Netherlands and USA have partnered with Gujarat for this event. It should be a matter of pride that not only other states of India like Goa, Chattishgarh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, etc. but countries like Serbia also adopted the Vibrant model for economic and industrial development.

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