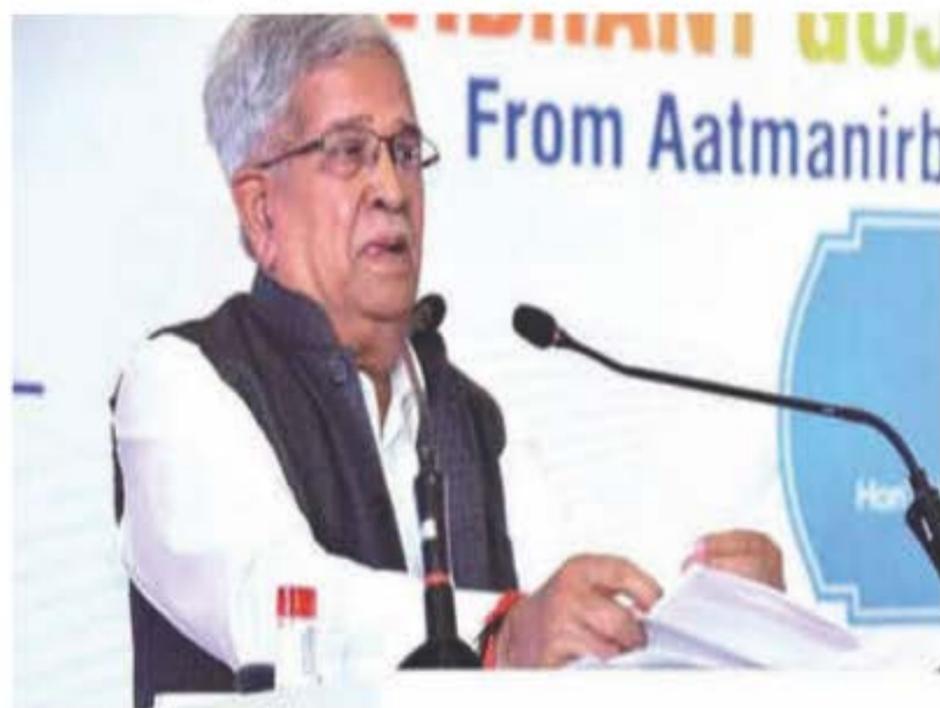


# Vibrant Gujarat invites industrialists from UP

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LUCKNOW: A high-level team led by Gujarat minister Kanubhai Desai held a roadshow in Lucknow on Friday as part of the 10th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit to be held in January 2022.

The Gujarat government representatives spoke about the Prime Minister's GatiShakti Master Plan, Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, transparent and predictable tax system, reducing compliance burden, Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living and Make in India to attract investments to the state.

Desai said that the summit, scheduled to be held from January 10 to January 12, would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gandhinagar and would be attended by Union ministers, global and Indian business heads and thought leaders.

"In 2020, the PM gave the clarion call for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' to leverage India's strengths, skills and capabilities to become self-reliant. The theme of the 10th Vibrant Gujarat summit is 'From Atmanirbhar Gujarat to Atmanirbhar Bharat'. Gujarat's focus on building a robust industrial infrastructure has helped the state stay on the top in the Logistics Ease Across Different States rankings for three years," he said.

Talking about Gujarat being a policy-driven state, the minister said that policies like the Industrial Policy 2020, Integrated Logistics and Logistics Park Policy, Electric Vehicle Policy, Solar Energy Policy and Tourism and Textiles policy 2021 had provided significant incentives to industries to enter these sectors.

Commending UP on its diverse industrial landscape, Desai extended an invitation to industrialists in the state to invest in Gujarat and expand their businesses.

"UP is one of the largest producers of foodgrains and other crops and home to a number of agro-processing and agri-business based industries. Gujarat is also reviving its Agro Business Policy to encourage and support industrialists in the sector. The policy provides benefits and incentives to both existing and new entrepreneurs in this field in terms of loan assistance, project cost subsidy and interest subsidy. The policy also supports MSME units through freight subsidy, in both air and sea transportation," he said.

Desai described Gujarat's efforts to become a global hub in the renewable energy sector and work being done in sectors like next-generation infrastructure, energy and digital networks, emerging technologies, financial technologies, startups, electric vehicles and financial services. "To enhance ease of doing business, the Gujarat government has created portals for land bank and investor facilitation. Mega industrial infrastructure projects of Dholera SIR and GIFT City will drive the next wave of growth in Gujarat," the minister added.